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EDITORIAL

The Water Question.

The water question still continues to be the absorbing topic of interest in Victoria. The continuance of ry weather accentuates the serious char- cter of the problem. If the scriptural roverb be true that "in the multitude of ounsellors there is wisdom," then a happy olution cannot be far distant. Men in very station and of every qualification are aily expressing their opinions in the press nd giving vent to their indignation. The olonist and the Times are devoting olumns to the subject in each issue. For ack of space, and also because many words nake for confusion, The Week will con- ense its comments into the smallest pos- ible space, premising them by relating the ollowing incident: A visitor from San rancisco called on the Editor on Tues- ay morning for a friendly chat. His first uestion was, "What is new in Victoria?" n being told that the chief topic of in- erest was the water supply, he laughed a ery unholy and altogether too sarcastic laugh, and remarked, 'You call that ew, do you? Why when I lived in Vic- oria fifteen years ago, it was the one topic f conversation." It seems to The Week hat this incident is in itself an explana- on of, and the key to the whole situation. rocrastination has kept Victoria without n adequate water supply for fifteen years, nd procrastination is still dominating the ity Council, while the City Fathers hesi- ate as did all their predecessors to apply certain remedy. The Mayor says that e criticism offered is unreasonable, illo- cal, and based upon ignorance. He oints to the work of Mr. Adams, and says hat the City is carrying out that gentle- an's suggestions. He says further that nce no other source of supply could be ade available before next summer, the ity might just as well wait for the com- letion of Smith's Hill reservoir, as launch it into some bigger scheme. This is the ly reason, he alleges, for turning a deaf r to all suggestions for purchasing, or asing the Goldstream water, or for itiating the Sooke Lake project. There e two weak links in the Mayor's chain reasoning. The first is that by the ad- ission of Expert Adams, Elk Lake has capacity sufficient to supply a population forty-five thousand, and if the Smith's ill reservoir were completed today, and e whole of the water at Elk Lake made vailable for distribution, there would be ttle, if any surplus over actual require- ents. There is every probability that in year from date the natural growth of ictoria, based upon the experience of the st two years, will have caught up to the aximum capacity of Elk Lake; certainly is will happen within two years, in hich event Victoria will not be appre- ably better off, even with the completion Smith's Hill reservoir and the proper istribution of Elk Lake water, than it is day. The second weak link in the ayor's argument is that the elevation of mith's Hill is not sufficient to give fire essure at any point in the city, and that is too low even to feed by gravity the ghest residential districts. By what pro- ss of reasoning can such a system be re- rded with any degree of finality? Even domestic service and gardens can be pplied for a year or two longer by its ans, fire will still have to be fought by mping engines without any practical as- tance from gravity. The question of the ment is what ought the City to do both the interests of health and safety? The eek maintains, as it has done for more an two years that the only practical and onomical solution is the acquisition of the Goldstream water. Year after year passes, other schemes are ventilated, surveys are made, the Highland District and Sooke Lake are examined, but the result is always the same, that unless Victoria wants to cut off its nose to spite its face, it must go to Goldstream. This is the only source from which pure water and plenty of water can be obtained. It is true that the same conditions might be complied with at Sooke Lake, but only at a much higher cost, and with a much longer pipe line to maintain. The fact that the Esquimalt Waterworks Company has never been willing to accept the price which the City thought reasonable is scarcely a serious factor if the City cannot do better elsewhere, and the proposal to spend a million or a million and a half dollars to go to Sooke, rather than give the Esquimalt Waterworks Company $250,000 more than the City thinks it ought to get, cannot be defended on business grounds, and the principle is not one upon which any man would act in connection with his own affairs. During the present year the Colonist has followed the lead of The Week and lined up in favour of the Goldstream proposition. This is a more charitable and more probable explanation of its present policy than that so ungraciously suggested by the Times. But the Colonist goes a step further and advocates that the City should exercise its rights and call upon the Esquimalt Waterworks Company to supply the statutory quantity of three million gallons per day at six cents a gallon. This would necessitate a five-years' contract, and it is surely not too much to suggest that a judicious and diplomatic negotiator might in connection with this agreement arrange for an option to purchase, to be exercised at any time during the five years. If, however, the latter could not be arranged immediately, the City would be no worse off in respect of a contract for ultimate purchase, and would within a year from date have double its present water supply. The Week cannot see a single reasonable objection to this scheme. The money spent under the five years' agreement would be spent in exactly the same way as if the City had already purchased the property, and would merge into the ultimate scheme of distribution. If the City has to wait for the thrashing out of further legal quibbles, or if the subject is, as the latest action of Mayor Hall would suggest, to be tossed into the political arena, then God help Victoria! If we are not all poisoned our gardens and lawns will be scorched up, and at the present rate our City will be burnt down. Is it too much to ask in this enlightened twentieth century that the City Fathers should bring a little more "horse sense," and a little less sensitiveness to bear upon the solution of what is viewed in every light a most serious problem, and one which threatens not only the good name, but the actual safety of the City.

Traducing Her Sex.

Women, or to be more precise, those women who are banded together for reform work, are wont to misunderstand and bitterly resent criticism of their methods. It is impossible to comment unfavourably upon any of their proceedings without arousing their ire, and the male creature who condemns even their extravagancies is voted a Philistine. It must in fairness be admitted that men reformers also make mistakes, and are guilty of utterances for which no defence can be offered. But it is neither discourteous nor unchivalrous to state that women are less reliable in their public utterances than men. It is not necessary to follow Miss Murcutt in all her ridiculous meanderings of the present week. She has slandered the men who are allied with every interest she has discussed, but why did she consider it necessary to slander her own sex? It is difficult to speak dispassionately of the horrible story which she had the hardihood to relate upon the authority of some unknown minister, and some unknown mayor. Miss Murcutt would probably be grievously offended if The Week suggested that she had been drawing upon her imagination for the whole incident. And yet this would be a more charitable conclusion than to accept her statement that she was merely repeating what she had been told. She does not pretend to have investigated the story, and yet she is willing to believe and to repeat, on the authority of two men, that a certain Canadian city contains fewer virtuous girls over fifteen than Sodom or Gomorrah. A woman capable of believing such a statement is either morally or mentally unfit to be identified with any reform movement, and as a choice of alternatives The Week sincerely hopes that the latter is the case. The Colonist is to be commended for summing up a most unusual amount of courage in condemning Miss Murcutt's attitude in this matter. But the Colonist did not go far enough. Public opinion demands that Miss Murcutt shall promptly give her authority for the story. If she fails to realize her moral responsibility to do so she must be content to be branded as a traducer of her sex and a slanderer of the commonest type; and the organization which allows her to continue to make use of it as a vehicle for circulating prurient stories will have to share the responsibility. The Week does not believe that there is a mother in Victoria who will not endorse this conclusion, and it knows that every parent, and every pure-minded girl, of whom there are many more than Miss Murcutt wots of, will repudiate her estimate of their sex with scorn. It is difficult to understand why evangelists and professional reformers of both sexes are so prone to bring discredit upon their organizations by retailing the lascivious, but it seems as if they helplessly gravitate in that direction.

Fighting Fire.

The Editor of The Week was down town at 6.45 on Friday morning. He heard the fire-bells, and saw the whole of the proceedings in connection with the blaze on Government Street. The opportunity for checking the work of the Department and making a few careful notes was too good to be lost, so it was taken advantage of. The result is given to the public and vouched for. The moral can be drawn by the reader. The hose wagon and one Waterous engine arrived on the scene at three minutes past seven. At this time flames were shooting out of all the back windows of the top story overlooking Langley Street, where the fire had evidently started. There was no flame on the Government Street side, but dense volumes of smoke. The windows were not broken. The first hose was connected to the hydrant at the foot of Trounce Alley, was unreeled and carried upstairs. The water flowed through it at seven minutes past seven. Three minutes later another hose was playing on the front of the building, but the pressure was insufficient to force the water higher than about twenty-five feet, which was ten or fifteen feet lower than the upper story where the fire was raging. At twelve minutes past seven the upper windows cracked and the flames burst out. By this time the whole upper story was a raging furnace, full of flame. It was not until eighteen minutes past seven that the large nozzle was exchanged for a smaller one, and the stream from the Waterous engine reached the upper story. Even then it was unable to play on the roof, although it did good work through the windows, and in fifteen minutes more practically quenched the fire. Meanwhile nothing effective had been done on the Langley Street side where the fire originated, and where it could most easily have been extinguished. There was no engine on this side of the building, and it was not until half past seven that the firemen had a hose carried up the scaling ladder to the roof of an adjoining building and tried to play through the upper windows of the burning block, but the gravity pressure was insufficient. The conclusions of an impartial observer were that the water supply was ludicrously insufficient, that the appliances were inadequate, and that the best firemen in the world could do very little with such an equipment. Until the City has a gravity supply with a pressure of a hundred and fifty pounds as a minimum it should have available sufficient engine power of the most modern type to cover buildings at least seventy feet high. As to the handling of the men and the appliances only an expert is competent to express an opinion in view of the woeful inadequacy of the latter.

The Federal Election.

Before the Provincial elections in Ontario and Quebec the political quid nuncs had decided that a Federal election would take place early in the Fall, and the call to arms had actually gone forth. After the significant victory of the Conservative party in both provinces, the enthusiasm for elections received a serious check among the Liberal leaders, and now the prophets are guessing again. All that can safely be predicted is that the election may come this year, and failing that, it must come next. Throughout the Dominion there are comparatively few constituencies that have not chosen their standard bearers. Of these few Victoria is one. The Week is of opinion that the selection should have been made some time ago, and that the party is weakened by the delay. It still believes that the strongest candidate available is Mr. H. G. Barnard. Those who attended the annual meeting of the party last night and witnessed Mr. Barnard's enthusiastic re-election as President, found little encouragement for differing from the opinion of The Week, and if a candidate is to be chosen from among the more active and conspicuous members of the party, the choice will undoubtedly fall upon Mr. Barnard. The sooner any uncertainty on this matter is removed, the better for the party and for the prospects of the candidate.

An Interview With a Distinguished Visitor.

When we were little children
We did what nursie said
And when the hour was 6 p.m.
We had to go to bed,
And now, though we are older,
We find it's just the same:
We've got the same old nursie still—
She's merely changed her name.

When we were little children
We didn't dare to smoke
And nursie says we mustn't now—
And nursie doesn't joke.
For nursie hates tobacco;
Tobacco makes her mad.
Oh, no; we mustn't smoke at all,
Since nursie says it's bad.

When we were little children
We weren't allowed to bet
And nursie says we musn't now
Or ever "taste a wet,"
For beer is very sinful,
And whisky's even worse.
We should prefer to die of thirst—
According to our nurse.

When we were little children
We used to play at games,
But now we mustn't play at all,
Or nursie calls us names—
Unless we play at ping-pong
Or crokinole and such.

* * *

Oh, dear, our nursie interferes
A little bit too much.

On the news being received that the 2nd Vice-President of the W.C.T.U., North Kansas Branch, was in the city on business connected with the local convention, the interviewer hurried with all haste (and a little flutter in his heart) to the Empress Hotel, where the distinguished lady was residing in a suite of rooms, especially engaged.

He was ushered into a private sitting room, which had been tastefully decorated with festoons of white ribbon twined round tinted diagrams of enlarged miscroscopic section of the intestinal canal before and after alcoholic intoxication, the tout ensemble having a most charming effect. The 2nd Vice-President received the interviewer with a chilling stare. There could be no doubt at all as to the character of this reception. It was icy. It was 20 below zero (with a wind blowing), and the interviewer instinctively buttoned up his coat as he stood shivering under the scrutinizing glitter of a pair of spectacles.

"You have come to interview me, I understand," said the 2nd Vice-President in a voice that bore a strange resemblance to her spectacles —clear and hard.

"I hope I may have the honour," replied the interviewer with nervous politeness.

"Take that chair," said the lady in commanding tones. The interviewer took the chair promptly: disobedience in such an august presence could be nothing else, he felt, than a positive sin.

The lady carefully extracted a watch and placed it on a table beside her. "Is this interview to last longer than three minutes?" she asked.

"May I not have the pleasure of conversing with you for a slightly longer period?" enquired the interviewer humbly.

"In that case," said the 2nd Vice-President, "I must call my husband."

"But, madam," expostulated the interviewer, "I have not come to interview your husband."

"No matter," she retorted, "it would not be proper.

"Albert! I want you."

In obedience to the summons, a reverend gentleman instantly entered, approached the table with his hands clasped meekly, and awaited orders.

"You may take a chair, Albert."

The reverend gentleman slowly and cautiously stepped across the room to a chair in a far corner; there he slowly and cautiously sat down and kept a close watch on the stranger, with frequent side-long glances out of half shut eyes, beaming with love. "This young man," said his better half by way of introduction, "is a representative of the local press." She paused. "He has come to interview me."

"I hope," said the reverend gentleman in a beautiful sad voice, "that the paper he represents is a strictly temperance paper."

"You bet it is," exclaimed the interviewer, taken off his guard.

"Never," sighed the reverend gentleman, "I would never do anything so wicked! But I will excuse your language on the ground of enthusiasm. And so your editor believes in temperance?"

"My editor," said the interviewer, "even denies himself tea and coffee—on occasions."

"Ah, I am so pleased to hear it," broke in the 2nd Vice-President, a smile of approval lighting up her somewhat grim features, "I have always found that a little warm water with a dash of milk in it is quite sufficient, and so stimulating! But dear me, how few of us are really temperate."

"What strange ideas," remarked the interviewer,

"What strange ideas people have of temperance nowadays!"

"Most strange," the lady agreed, "people actually imagine that temperance means using the things of this world in a temperate manner!"

"And how would you define temperance, madam," questioned the interviewer.

The august lady rose to her feet. "In my official capacity of 2nd Vice-President I would define temperance as follows: Temperance is being temperate in the use of everything that the W.C.T.U. approves of, and totally abstaining from everything that the W.C.T.U. does not approve of."

"How true!" murmured the reverend gentleman, "And oh, how beautiful!" The lady resumed her seat.

"The propaganda of the W.C.T.U. is progressing, is it not?" continued the interviewer.

"By leaps and bounds. We are putting pressure on the people in every direction, I am happy to say," replied the 2nd Vice-President with an air of intense satisfaction. "But there is so much yet to be done, so many, many evils to reform," she added with a sigh.

"Indeed there are," said the interviewer sympathetically.

"For instance," continued the good lady, "there is the wearing of pig-tails by Chinamen."

"What!" exclaimed the interviewer.

"Yes, it is on that very question that I am paying my official visit to your city. We are arranging to send a deputation to the Premier and the Attorney-General to induce them to bring about legislation making the wearing of a pig-tail by any Chinaman a penal offence."

"On what grounds, may I ask?"

"The wearing of a pig-tail," explained the lady in a cold and level voice, "is the prerogative of a woman. any man wearing a pig-tail is therefore a female impersonator. This is of course most immoral."

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"Shocking!" exclaimed the reverend ntleman, casting his eyes heaven-ard, "my soul positively shudders ery time I pass a Chinaman with ch a feminine apendage."

"I was under the impression," said e interviewer, that you confined our operations to the white inhabit-nts."

"Oh, dear me no," said the 2nd ice-President. "We take a motherly terest in the morals and conduct of l the inhabitants of the entire uni-erse, whatever their colour may be. or instance, we are having five ousand tracts printed in Chinook for stribution among the various In-an reservations along the Pacific oast dealing with the character and ndencies of the modern French rama: these we are sure will be very neficial. But of course we pay par-cular attention to our own children. o prove it I have only to mention e twenty-five thousand blotters hich we have just prepared for dis-ibution among the school children; ch blotter is stamped with a couple very pretty pictures of the inside of e human anatomy before and after earing corsets."

"Do you think," queried the inter-ewer somewhat doubtfully, "that ese blotters will also have a bene-cial effect?"

"Most decidedly," said the 2nd Vice-resident, "for I showed a sample py the other day to a little neice of ine and she fainted on the spot. hen as to the tons and tons of litera-re which we are using in our fight ainst the Demon Rum—ah, that re-inds me, how is it that your city is t yet under total prohibition?"

"Well, madam," replied the inter-ewer, "to tell you the truth we rdly dare risk it. It is really not r fault, but there is scarcely suf-ient water sometimes to make a cup tea. Under these circumstances we el it would be a very dangerous step take to cut ourselves off from every her form of liquid refreshment."

"No excuse," broke in the lady rnly. "What do you call that?" She inted to the James Bay with a ma-stic sweep of her arm.

"Really, madam, it is rather hard to y. It is generally considered to be t water slightly adulterated, but it ells queer."

"That," she said emphatically, "if operly diluted, with the addition of little aniline dye and some brown gar would make an excellent sub-tute for beer."

"And far, oh far more wholesome, y dear young friend," said the rev-end gentleman.

"Have you never seen our recipe ok?" said the 2nd Vice-President.

"Never heard of it even," said the erviewer.

"You surprise me," said the 2nd V. "our staff of expert analytical emists has been working for the st two years concocting substitutes r pernicious drinks. Albert, hand e a recipe book. . . . Thank you! ey have succeeded in duplicating the favourite drinks of the saloon, hile carefully eliminating every-ing that might not be considered tirely innocent. Here, for instance," e continued, as she opened the prec-us volume and began to turn over e pages, "right at the very begin-ng of the book you will find recipes r temperance cocktails. Would you e to hear how to make a Manhtatan cktail a la W.C.T.U.?"

"Very much indeed," said the inter-ewer.

"Here is the recipe then," replied e lady. "Take a little lemon juice, e spoonful of sugar and a little nger; stir the mixture up in a little id water and pour into a glass; d half a teaspoonful of siedlitz wder to give it 'life' and serve up th a small onion on the end of a thpick. Now wouldn't that be de-ious on a hot day?"

But before the interviewer could e his opinion the 2nd Vice-Presi-nt had jumped to her feet—all ought of the recipe book had van-ed.

"Young man," she cried, "I notice bacco stains on your fingers. You oke cigarettes. Do not dare to ny it."

"I have not any intention of doing ," expostulated the interviewer. What about it?"

"Only this," she replied in tones of intense solemnity, "only this that smoking leads to a smoker's grave. To say nothing of the fact that it is most immoral."

"Really!" exclaimed the victim of the eagle eye, "I had no idea it was so serious."

"Ah, my dear young friend, let me persuade you to at once sign a pledge that you will never, never smoke tobacco any more. Albert, give our visitor a pledge card."

The reverend gentleman hastily picked up a card from a pile on the table and handed it to the interviewer.

"Now I am sure you are a sensible young man," purred the 2nd Vice-President in honied accents; "read this little card through carefully and then sign it."

"Madam," said the interviewer with a puzzled look, after he had read it through carefully, "I do not see how I can very well sign this."

"You don't see how you can sign it!" exclaimed the lady in a vexed tone.

"Precisely," said the subject of reformation. "I can't see how it applies to me at all. If I were to read it out to you, I think you would understand."

"Read it then," commanded the 2nd Vice-President; "read it at once."

"Very well, if you insist," said the interviewer resignedly. "This is what is on the card: 'I hereby pledge myself to no longer wear a peek-a-boo waist and never——'"

"Oh, Albert!" screamed the 2nd Vice-President, "how could you be so careless! You have given him one of the peek-a-boo cards; get him a tobacco card instantly!"

"No, madam," declared the unfortunate interviewer, plucking up his courage, "I really must decline to sign any pledge until I am convinced."

"Why?" asked his torturer. Sign the pledge first and be convinced afterwards. You are sure to be convinced afterwards."

"I repeat, madam, I really must decline," said the interviewer with the firmness of a martyr.

"Well then," said the 2nd Vice-President crossly, "if you must be convinced I can at once convince you."

She took out a little tract from a ile of papers. "This is one of our most able tracts on the subject. Let me read it to you."

"I have hardly time, madam," said the interviewer desperately.

"Well then in that case I must give you the gist of it briefly. This tract describes how a certain well known temperance doctor of Chicago took a poodle dog and squirted tobacco juice into its left eye. Now what do you think the poodle dog did?"

"I should think he swore."

"Don't be frivolous, young man," said the lady angrily. "The poor dog died."

"Well, I'm not surprised," said the interviewer, "but I fail to see the application.

"You don't!" exclaimed the lady.

"He doesn't see the application!" echoed the reverend gentleman.

"No," asserted the interviewer, "I do not for two reasons. Firstly, I am not a poodle dog and secondly I never use tobacco in that particular way."

"What particular way?" enquired the good lady.

"Squirting it into my left eye," explained the interviewer.

The 2nd Vice-President turned in despair to the reverend gentleman, who shook his head despondently.

"Well," she said, fixing her eyes on the interviewer, "this is fearful! If the relation of a blood-curdling fact like that does not convince you I don't know what will—unless you are open to an argument."

"I am willing to be convinced, if you can produce a convincing argument," said the culprit.

The 2nd Vice-President brightened up. "Ah, then I have hopes for you. Here is an argument that is one of our favourite old stand-bys. It is so intellectual and so convincing. Listen! If Nature intended you to smoke she would have provided you with a natural smoke-stack on the top of your head. She has not provided you with a natural smoke-stack on the top of your head, therefore she does not intend you to smoke. Ergo, it follows that every time you smoke you are wantonly flying in the face of Nature. To fly in the face of Nature is most immoral."

"Quod erat demonstrandum," added the reverend gentleman eagerly. "Now, my dear young friend, you have heard an argument that is absolutely incontrovertible."

"Do you not admit it?" cried the 2nd Vice-President with a ring of triumph in her voice.

"Madam, I admit it," said the interviewer, pushed to the very extremity of desperation. "Yes, madam, it certainly is an absolutely incontrovertible argument."

"Ah, good! Excellent," chuckled the 2nd Vice-President, "now you will sign the pledge card, won't you?"

"Just one minute, please," explained the interviewer, "I have not quite finished. "If your argument applies to one case it should apply to another with equal force. Do you not admit that also?"

"Ye-es," said the 2nd Vice-President cautiously.

"Why of course, most certainly," blustered the reverend gentleman, "of course!" . . .

"Then, sir," said the interviewer, turning to the reverend gentleman, "I notice that you are wearing a collar. On the ground of your own incontrovertible argument I accuse you of being guilty of a most immoral act."

"How so!" exclaimed the 2nd Vice-President.

"Madam," replied the interviewer, "if Nature had intended your husband to wear a collar, Nature would have supplied him with a collar-button in front and a collar-button behind. Nature has not done any such thing. Therefore to wear that collar is to wantonly fly in the face of Nature with all that it entails.—quod erat demonstrandum."

"Dear, oh dear!" cried the reverend gentleman in tones of the deepest dismay, "I never looked at it in that light before. I must make it a matter of prayer!" So saying he hurriedly got up and began divesting himself of the immoral garment. But at the sight of her husband undressing himself in the presence of a total stranger the 2nd Vice-President uttered a shriek. The awful sight was too much for her nerves, and with a gurgling sob she fainted—thus bringing the interview to a sad but opportune conclusion.

W. H. S.

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Reminiscences.

The receipt of a press notice referring to the coming engagement of Mr. R. B. Mantell in Victoria has served to start a train of thought and to arouse many half-forgotten memories of theatre-going in the days of long ago.

My first reflection is that plays may come and plays may go, but Shakespeare goes on for ever. It is not a little interesting to recall the number of fashions that have been set by playwrights during the last 40 years, and to note how each has had his vogue and disappeared in the limbo of unremembered would-be dramatists.

When I first found my way to the theatre, Tom Taylor was the hero of the moment, and soon after Robertson, the father of Mrs. Kendal.

Amongst the most popular offerings of those days were "Caste," "School," "Society," "Ours," and "'Twixt Axe and Crown." Then we had a spell of of robust romantic drama with William Rignold in "Black-eyed Susan," and the "Girl I Left Behind Me." The first visit of the company from the Comedie Francais, including Sarah Bernhardt, Got, Coquelin, Delaunay and the incomparable Madame Croisette, created a taste for the French drama, and so we had Charles Warner in the memorable L'Assommoir.

Tiring of the too strenuous, Mr. and Mrs. Kendal and John Hare popularized first the serious drama, and then the highest class comedy, reaching the high-water mark of excellence in "Diplomacy," "The Iron Master" and "The Pair of Spectacles," the latter the finest comedy seen on the English stage for fifty years, in fact since Charles Matthews ceased playing "Adonis Evergreen."

The next vogue was that created by the brilliant character actor, Mr. Beerbohm Tree, who had a run at the Haymarket beginning, say, twenty-five years ago, when Miss Julia Neilson was a very young ingenue, and the whole company did brilliant work in such melodramas as "A Man's Shadow," and such exquisite pastoral plays as "The Village Priest."

Meanwhile Charles Wyndham had popularized society drama, and especially old English comedy by giving such representations of Charles Surface, Dr. Pangloss, David Garrick and many other classic roles as had not been seen for years.

But another star was rising, and it remained for a man of a younger generation to strike a note in the dramatic world which has been reverbating ever since, and which has enabled him to retain for more than twenty years an unchallenged position in the front rank of London actors. I refer to Mr. George Alexander, whose intensity, impressiveness and earnestness are as unique as they are characteristic.

In "The Idler," "Lady Windermere's Fan," "Liberty Hall," and "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," George Alexander has reached a height of dramatic expression unexcelled, and indeed unapproached by any of his competitors.

This sketchy reminiscence overlooks scores of prominent actors and actresses, to say nothing of some of the foremost playwrights of the time. But it is only intended to illustrate the fact, that in plays as in dress "the fashion of this world changeth," and in the widest sense "each man in his time plays many parts." But while one rises and another falls, the popularity of Shakespeare is constant.

Through all these years there runs a silver thread which binds together the dramatic instinct and perception of successive generations. Between all the different vogues to which I have referred, there has been not merely a connecting link, but a continuous cable. Shakespeare has never been off the boards. When he has not been running in the Metropolis, he has been touring in the Provinces or in the States, in Africa, in India, or the Antipodes.

Men have refreshed themselves at his perennial stream when they have been satiated with the dgenerate productions of those who had the hardihood to belittle the great master, and to force their vapid productions on the public. During the last forty years, Irving, Booth, Compton, Calvert, Robertson, Benson, Mansfield, and last, but by no means least, Mantell, have kept alive the best traditions of the Shakespearean stage. And this leaves me to finish where I began, with Mantell.

I have seen all the great Shakespearean actors just mentioned, and many more whom I do not at the moment recall. But with the single exception of the immortal Salvini the elder, in "Othello," and Barry Sullivan in "Richard the Third," I have never seen the equal of Mantell in certain Shakespearean roles. And now that Salvini is no more, he is incomparably the finest living Othello.

Some day I intend to tell in this column the story of Salvini, the great Italian, who could not speak a word of English, but who thrilled English audiences in the part of the dusky Moor as no actor has done since the days of G. V. Brooke and Charles Dillon.

Othello is rarely seen on the stage, and yet it is one of the finest of Shakespeare's acting plays. I thus differentiate it from those which are more suited for the study than the stage. Properly mounted, and with a good all-round company, a star actor makes it a veritable "tour de force," and since Shakespeare is so rarely played in Western cities, it is a treat of the highest order to see him interpreted by an actor of Mr. Mantell's calibre.

I recall the first time I ever saw him, it was just thirty-five years ago, in the Theatre Royal, Wolverhampton. Miss Wallis (now Mrs. John Lancaster) was starring in Shakespeare. She was a delightful actress, although never quite in the front rank, being petite, and dainty, but lacking force and a stage presence. On this particular night she was playing Rosalind in "As You Like It," and introduced to the public for the first time a new Orlando. He was tall, lanky, and perhaps a bit ungainly, but he was only a raw-boned lad who had not done growing. I well remember his romantic air, and how much like a mooning love-smitten youth he looked. I do not think I have ever seen a beter Orlando.

It is a long jump from 1872 to 1908, and during that time I have seen Mr. Mantell in nearly all the great Shakesperean roles. To-day he is a mature, finished actor, with a fine stage presence, and has become a master of elocution. With Richard Mansfield gone he has no rival, and after the lapse of so long a time I gladly lay this tribute at his feet.

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porting Comment.

he defeat of the Victoria lacrosse m at the hands of the Vancouver o in the Terminal City last Saturhas left the local boys in anyg but pleasant frame of mind, and ging from the press reports, I k they have a kick coming.

s a rule I do not side with a team bjecting to the referee's decisions, in this case I think the Victoria s were justified in the stand they k. This is the second time this r that the local players have reved the worst of the decisions in ncouver, and it is up to the manement of the local club to bring matter before the executive of the rosse association. The action of Vancouver clubs in supporting h action on the part of the referees not in harmony with the statents made at the annual meeting, n every delegate took occasion to r to the application of the Vica club in the most friendly man and promised the assistance of r respective clubs. If the asnce they promised is to be taken oor referees the sooner the local s know it the better. There is olutely no reason why the Victoria should go to Vancouver and lose game by the decisions of the ref. The idea of having one of the l players off the field for 23 utes is something very seldom d of, and judging from what I e seen of this player there is absoly no reason for it. There might be some blame on the part of management of the local club in eing to these referees in their efs to reduce the expenses of the club. I quite agree with the attempt that is being made to keep the expenses down by having the local team get the worst of the deal every time they play. On several occasions I have noticed that referees are accepted who are not on the official list, which was agreed on at the annual meteing of the association. This should not be allowed, as it leaves the way open for an infringement of the constitutions which will sooner or later cause trouble. I hope the local management will take this matter up and deal with it in a rigid manner.

This afternoon will witness what should be the hardest baseball match of the season. The locals will endeavor to wrest the victory from the Nationals of Seattle at Oak Bay, and it is hoped that there will be a big turnout. The line-up of the Nationals will be practically the same as that which represented the Seattle High School team, which journeyed across the Continent and made a record which has never been equalled. The team is the strongest on the Sound, outside of the league teams, and if the locals should win it will be a big feather in their caps. The game will start at 3 o'clock sharp, with Surplice doing the pitching for the locals and Robertson the receiving.

The defeat of the Victoria cricket team at the hands of the Garrison came as a big surprise to the admirers of the local players, but it will be a lesson to them not to hold any team too lightly. Nine times our of ten Victoria would defeat the same team which lowered their colors on Saturday, but I must give the Garrison credit for the result of the match. Three causes contributed to the defeat—the absence of Martin,, the fine bowling of Askey, and the mistake of not changing the Victoria bowlers earlier, and not playing Silcock, whose fast balls are sorely needed in any close match.

Although I referred at some length to the races in my remarks last Saturday, I cannot allow the opportunity to pass without referring to the too meagre support that was given the promoters. With the exception of Saturday the attendance was a big blot on the reputation that this city enjoys of being one of the best sporting centres on the Coast, and in fact I have almost arrived at the conclusion that it is time that this city should refrain from travelling on its record. The attendance was not worthy of a city half the size of Victoria, and that Victorians who are ardent admirers of good races should fail to attend the meeting is almost beyond my comprehension. The races were good, the management did all in their power to satisfy the public, no charge of crookedness could possibly be laid, the times made in the races were fast, and yet the public would not attend. As yet I have not ascertained the financial ending of the undertaking, but judging from the attendance, I cannot figure how it could have been very successful. I hope that the next time anything of this kind is arranged the public will give it the support that it deserves, otherwise this city will soon have a bad name with the horsemen, which will mean that it will be wiped from the map as far as horse racing is concerned.

A boxing contest, which should prove very interesting, is being arranged, and will take place within the enxt few weeks. I refer to the contest between Linton, who has lately made this city his home, and Joe Grimm, the hero of 238 fights. This should be a good go, and I would like to see a large crowd witness the mill. UMPIRE.

JOSEPH HOWE ON LIQUOR.

The world has come down to the present period from the most remote antiquity, with the wine cup in its hand. David, the man after God's own heart, drank wine. Solomon, the wisest of monarchs and of human beings, drank wine. Our Saviour not only drank it, but commanded Christians to drink it "in remembrance of Him." In strong contrast with our Divine Redeemer's life and practice we hear of the Scribes and Pharisees, who drank it not—who reviled our Saviour as a "wine bibber" and the "companion of publicans and sinners," who would have voted for the Maine liquor law as unanimously as they cried "Crucify Him." So far as my reading extends, I may assert that every king, every statesman, every warrior, who illustrated the page of history, drank wine. The apostles, who were the companions of our Saviour, drank it. The prophets whose flights of inspiration still astonish us, we have every reason to believe, drank it. Cicero and Demosthenes, and all the orators of antiquity and of modern times, indulged in the juice of the grape. Who can say how much of the energy which gave them such power of language was drawn from its inspiration? Have these men been eclipsed by the Dows and Kellogs of the platform? What orators has the State of Maine sent forth comparable with the Pitts, Burkes, Grattans, Foxes and Sheridans of the British Islands, every one of whom drank wine? Let the learned gentlemen glance at the noble structures—the architectural wonders that embellish Europe. Who reared them? Men of gigantic intellects, whose common heritage was wine. Let his eye range through the noble galleries where the sculptors have left their statues; where the painters have hung in rich profusion the noblest works of art. Wine, we are told, clouds the faculties and deadens the imagination. et it was drunk by those benefactors of their race; and we cannot with their masterpieces before us, believe the assertion till their works have been eclipsed by artists trained up under this rigorous prohibition legislation. Has Maine turned out as yet a statue that anybody would look at; a picture that anybody would buy? Look at the deliverers of mankind; the heroic defenders of nations. Was Washington a member of the temperance society? Did not Wallace "drink the red wine through the helmet barred"? Who will undertake to say that Bruce, on the morning on which he won the battle of Bannockburn, that Tell on that day when he shot the apple off his son's head, that Nelson or Wellington on the eve of their glorious victories, had not tasted a glass of whiskey or a stoop of wine? If then all that is valuable in the past of heroism and architecture, and oratory, sculpture and painting, if all that has bulwarked freedom and embellished life, has come down to us with the juice of the grape, if no age or nation has been long without it, I think it behooves the advocates of "total abstinence" to show us some country where their system has been tried, some race of men who drank nothing but cold water.

Mrs. Newwed—I wish we had something antique about the house.

Mr. Newwed—So do I. Old-fashioned pumpkin-pies, for instance.—Exchange.

Social and Personal.

Miss Wake leaves on a ten months' trip to the Old Country on the 20th.

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Mrs. J. W. Laing entertained at a small croquet party on Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lamb returned on Tuesday to Duncans.

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Mrs. Ramsay, of Seattle, has been a guest at the Empress for a few days.

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Miss Ethel Gibson is staying with friends on the Cowichan river.

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Hon. D. M. Eberts spent a few days in Vancouver this week.

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Mr. and the Misses Blakemore have moved into their new home, "Wulfruna," Belcher street.

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Miss Barbara Mainguy, of Chemainus, spent a few days in town this week.

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Mrs. Gardulo and son came over on Tuesday from Seattle to attend Miss Dorothy Green's wedding.

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Mrs. George Powell was the guest of Mrs. Carew-Gibson during the week.

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Captain Gibson, of Chemainus, after a short stay in town, returned home on Tuesday.

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Mr. Dougald Gillespie is enjoying some excellent fishing at Cowichan Lake.

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Mr. Arthur Gore paid a flying visit to Duncans on Wednesday, returning on Thursday morning.

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The marriage of Miss Marie Gaudin takes place in the second week of July.

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Mrs. Herman Robertson went up to Duncans on Wednesday to take part in Mr. Armstrong's concert.

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Mrs. E. V. Bodwell, Rockland avenue, has issued invitations for an At Home next Tuesday.

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Mrs. McCallum, after spending the winter in Southern California, has returned home.

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Miss Barbara Blakemore has returned from a three months' visit to Nelson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Trotter Johnson, of Chemainus, who were so unfortunate as to loose their pretty home by fire, came dow to the city on Tuesday.

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The Auxiliary Anti-Tuberculosis Society will hold a meeting on Wednesday, June 24th, at the Balmoral Rooms. Members are requested to attend.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Green, Vancouver, came down to be present at the marriage of Miss Dorothy Green on Wednesday.

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Mr. Mowat, who has been confined to the Jubilee Hospital for the past few weeks, is out again, and is the guest of Mrs. McTavish.

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On Wednesday the 17th, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman, Croft street, was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding, when their fourth daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, was united in marriage to Mr. Robert J. Herbert, eldest son of Mrs. R. Herbert, Quebec street, Rev. F. Letts performing the ceremony.

The bride and groom left for the Sound by the Princess, and after a brief return visit will reside in Vancouver, where Mr. Herbert is connected with the Railway Mail Service.

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The Five Hundred Club met on Tuesday at Mrs. Blackwood's, Linden avenue, and spent a very enjoyable afternoon. The prize was won by Mrs. Gibb. The house was very daintily decorated with roses of different shades, received by the cool green of fern frons.

Mrs. Coles, assisted by Mrs. Kerr, presided over the refreshment table. Miss Wark and the Misses Richardson also helped in looking after the guests.

The competitors were: Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. H. Tye, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Wasson, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. C. Roberts, Mrs. Rithet, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. J. Harvey, Mrs. Arbuthnot, Mrs. G. Courtney, Mrs. Love, Mrs. C. Todd, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Raymour, Mrs. Matson, Mrs. Wasson, Miss Griffith and others.

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The marriage of Miss Dorothy Green and Mr. C. Norman Barclay was solemnized at the Reformed Episcopal Church on Wednesday, June 17th, by the Rev. Bishop Cridge, in the presence of a few friends and relations. The bride leaning on her brother's arm, looked very lovely in a soft clinging white, semi-Princess gown, over the palest shade of pink, with large hat bound with pale pink panne, and trimmed with valenciennes and a aigrette.

Her bouquet was of white bridal roses, prettily tied with white tulle.

The bridesmaid, Miss Phyllys Green looked very well in a pale blue flowered organdy relieved by a pink girdle, and a cream baby hat, with a pink wreath and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

The bride's little niece, Miss Joyceline Gibson, and Mr. Antonio Gardulo of Seattle, were also in attendance.

After the ceremony a few friends and relatives proceeded to the residence of Mrs. Carew-Gibson, where a dainty breakfast was served, the decorations were marguerites and roses.

The happy couple left by the afternoon boat for Seattle en route to Southern California. The bride's going away costume was of Copenhagen blue Rajah silk with a smart hat to match.

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The residence of Mrs. H. Heisterman, Cook street, was the scene of a most delightful tea on Wednesday last. The house was prettily arranged with sweet peas and roses. Among the guests were:

Mrs. Heisterman, Miss Heisterman, Mrs. Crotty, Mrs. Love, Mrs. H. Tye, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Roberts, Misses Hickey, Mrs. Rismuller, Mrs. Berkeley, Mrs. King, Miss King, Mrs. Matson, Mrs. Coles, Mrs. T. R. Smith, Miss Gaudin, Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. S. Robertson, Mrs. B. Wilson, Mrs. Lugrin, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Schwengers, Mrs. Jay, Mrs. Cross, Mrs. C. Todd, Mrs. Blackwood, Miss Blackwood, Messrs. Moreley, Miss Moreley, Mrs. Cleland, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Ker, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. B. Heisterman, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. Arbuthnot, Mrs. H. Gillespie, Miss Wiggley, Mrs. J. Raymour, Mrs. Page, Misses Page, Mrs. McPhillips, Miss Sehl, Miss Newcombefi Mrs. Garache, Mrs. Rant, Mrs. Wootton, Mrs. H. Kent, Mrs. McTavish, Miss McTavish, Miss Munn, Mrs. Lawson, Miss Lawson, Miss Wood, Mrs. McClure, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Phipps, Mrs. Gibson and others.

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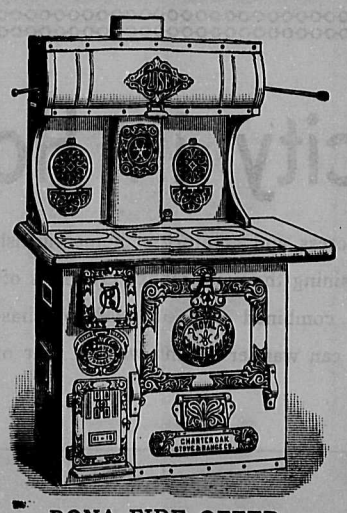
Mrs. Baynes-Reed gave a very charming reception on Tuesday afternoon for her daughter, Miss Alice Reed, who is to be married on the 24th of this month. The Bishop's Close was kindly lent for the occassion by Archdeacon and Mrs. Scriven. Mrs. Spicer-Simpson assisted her mother during the afternoon in receiving her guests. Among the invited guests were Mrs. Stevenson, the Misses Mason, Mrs. Baiss, Mrs. Berkeley, Archdeacon and Mrs. Scriven, Mr. and Mrs. Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Ambery, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, Miss Booth, Mrs. and Miss Browne, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bullen, Miss Bullen, Mr. and Mrs. Bulwer, Miss Bulwer, Canon and Mrs. Beanlands, Mrs. and Miss Bell, Mrs. and Miss Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Bagshaw, Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. Crowe-Baker, Mrs. and Miss Clapham, Mr. and Mrs. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Cleland, Mr. and Mrs. Crotty, Mrs. Love, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Coombe, Mrs. Charles, Major and Mrs. Dupont, Mr. and Mrs. Denison, Mr. and Mrs. R. Day, Miss Day, Hon. and Mrs. and the Misses Eberts, Mr. and Mrs. Flummerfelt, Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, Dr. and Mrs. Lagan, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Miss Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Gresley, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries, Capt. and Mrs. Gaudin, and the Misses Gaudin, Col. and Mrs. Holmes, Dr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Laing, Mr. and Mrs. Luxton, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, Misses Pooley, Mr. Loenberg, Capt. and Mrs. Troupe, Mrs. Berkeley, Admiral and Mrs. Fleet, Mr. and Mrs. Rithet, Mr. and Mrs. Genge, Mr. and Mrs. Shallcross, Miss Lawson, Mrs. J. Raymur, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Miss Newcombe, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robertson, Dr. and Mrs. Herman Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wilson, Mrs. King, Miss King, Mrs. Pemberton, Miss Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. Wootton, Misses Pitts, Mrs. Mackay, Miss Mackay, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Galletly, Mr. and Mrs. Mohun, Miss Newton, Dr. and Mrs. Helmcken and many others.

Indications.

Willia—Pa, is that new Mr. Hanks an ice dealer?

Pa—Yes, Willie; how did you know?

Willie—I didn't know, only I thought he was, 'cause when the teacher hoped for warm weather yesterady his children all grinned.—Chicago News.



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At The Street Corner

By THE LOUNGER

hings are beginning to move a lit-faster in Victoria. Only a week the city was threatened with ex-tion under a cloud of dust. On sday the Editor of the Colonist ed largely from an English ex-nge on the merits of "Tarvia," on Thursday Alderman Gleason ted for Europe to investigate its its, and presumably to introduce to Victoria. If the worthy Alder- could be induced to abandon the k planks of his platform and con-rate his energy on the dust prob- he might yet become enshrined he grateful memories of Victor-

n Wednesday evening I lounged the Victoria Theatre, stimulated some curiosity as to the person- and capability of the lady who announced to lecture under the ices of the W. C. T. U. result of an evening's cogitation to confirm a few of my old-ioned prejudices, one of which always been that an absolute cure "suffragitis" is a happy marriage. n in the midst of a discussion of most serious social problems, Murcott, with a candour which her infinite credit, admitted that respect to men with all their s, she loved them still. She ad- further that she "wanted a man upport her," and somewhat adroit-langled the attractive bait of a fruit orchard which she had hased in the Okanagan. If Miss cott does not change her name week, it will be a reproach to the ble bachelors and widowers of oria. What more could any man e than an accomplished lady with ission an an apple orchard? Did y "apple"? I am not sure that Murcott did, perhaps I have d it in connection with gardens re. Who said "apple"?

want to congratulate all parties erned on the decent clean-up has been made of the Quadra t cemetery. As I was one of the est kickers, I think I ought to credit for a result which is highly fying. Little remains to be done, although there may be differences pinion as to the arrangements, yone must agree that the re-ch of a neglected, unsightly, l's acre" has been removed. st on this subject I should like to , in common with many others, steps, if any, have been taken medy the constant encroachment e sea upon Ross Bay cemetery. e cessation of this work is due e absence of Alderman Meston the Council, the sooner he gets the better, unless some other man can be deputed to take ge of his work. It is certain that c opinion will not again tolerate wholesale destruction of graves ook place last winter. We may the Chinamen enough to make willing to shoot, poison or hang , and yet lack the hardihood to indignities to their dead.

ere is in the City of Victoria a ferocious coon, he sports cheap lry and drives a motor car. Un-he mends his ways, it will not be en of him "his end was peace." day last week I saw him driving iew street on the way to the race . He was going at the rate of ess than thirty to thirty-five an hour. One day this week he down Government street, and approaching the postoffice at the of from twelve to fifteen miles our. Half a dozen tourists were ing in the roadway. Instead of ng up and circling round them lled, but did not abate his speed, they jumped just clear of the ine. I have received numerous laints about this coloured gen-n, and I particularly direct the ion of the police authorities to solent behaviour, and the dan-o the public from the reckless er in which he invariably drives.

Whilst speaking of automobiles, I want to say a word on the subject of speed. I have ridden in auto cars in many parts of the world,, and while I have never been able to afford the luxury of one for myself, I have got it "on the list," and mean to have one some day. From this my readers will gather that I think an auto car is a good thing "per se." My sympathies lie entirely with the owners of cars who are made to suffer for the vagaries of a few men whose early training has been defective. The motto of every automobilist should be "noblesse oblige." Until that becomes the key-note of driving, there will be complaints and bad blood between the pedestrian who has to perform acrobatic feats to save his skin, and the chaffeur who trades upon his ability to run away from every "melee." The remedy is to punish unmercifully everyone who breaks the law. This should be done without fear or favour, and after the first offence the penalty should go the limit. In cases of persons being injured through reckless driving or excessive speed, the punishment should be imprisonment without the option of a fine. The way would then be open to agitate for such amendments to the law as could be granted without imperilling the public safety. But it is useless to press for these, and at the same time to defend or extenuate breaches of the existing law. The first condition of amendment is compliance. Verb sap.

About the time that these lines first meet the public eye, I expect to read the announcement of a discovery recently made on Vancouver Island, which has been kept very quiet, but in spite of every precaution has leaked out within the last few days; I refer to a new gold find. Having seen some of the reports, I should be surprised at nothing in the way of values, if as alleged, the specimen represents the bulk. I know that this would be something new in specimens, but as the veracity of the agent is unquestionable, Ithink the public may fairly expect something sensational. As far as I know this is the first considerable reef of high-grade quartz which has been found on Vancouver Island.

The water question and the dust question are still with us, and judging from appearances are likely to be for many years. There is, however, another problem which ought not to be so difficult to solve, and to which it is surely permissible to direct attention. I refer to the neglected condition of the front gardens and lawns of some of our leading citizens. I could say a great deal on the subject of gardens as an evidence of character, but probably there will be no difference of opinion as to the obligations resting upon prominent citizens to set a good example in the proper cultivation and beautification of their grounds. When these gentlemen hold official positions the obligation is surely increased. I do not refer to the deterioration of gardens, which is an inevitable consequence of the present lack of water, but to the habitual neglect which characterizes some of the most conspicuous grounds in the city. I do not wish to particularize, but I recall three or four properties belonging to gentlemen of social position, and some wealth, which would be discreditable to a workingman in receipt of three dollars a day. The occupancy of a good home carries with it the responsibility to keep the surroundings such as will do credit both to the home and to the city. In the case of public men the obligation goes further, and I feel sure it is only necessary to call the attention of these gentlemen to the fact that the habitual neglect of their grounds is an eyesore, and a matter of general comment to ensure the remedying of a state of affairs which is little less than a nuisance.

The daily papers of Victoria are to be congratulated, they have made a discovery, and the fact that it has taken them four years to make it only shows how far they are behind the times. On Monday night about half-past six, some subscriber anxious to pay his dues, entered the outer office of The Week, and carelessly threw an unextinguished match into the waste-paper basket — result much smoke, a hurry call to the fire station, and the prompt extinguishing of a few smouldering papers. Immediately over the waste-paper box were two loose-leaved calendars—they are still there unmarked. On Tuesday the Colonist came out with a lurid paragraph telling how "the dense smoke filled the building, and the ffames mounted to the ceiling." The daily press is a great institution, but for the fire, neither the Colonist nor the Times would have known that there was such a paper as The Week. that after all, the old proverb is once again justified, "it is an ill wind that blows nobody good."

Lounger.

THE attention of the Lands and Works Department having been directed to the fact that town lots in a townsite named Prince Rupert, being a subdivision of Lot 642, Range 5, Coast District, situated on the mainland between the mouth of the Skeena River and Kaien Island, are being offered for sale, it has been deemed necessary to warn the public that the said townsite is not situated at the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and is not the townsite which is owned jointly by the Government of British Columbia and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

F. J. FULTON,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., May 1st, 1908.
May 9

PUBLIC HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

Notice to Architects.—Competitive Designs.

The Government of British Columbia invite the Architects of British Columbia to submit competitive designs of a Public Hospital for the Insane, which it is proposed to erect at Coquitlam, situated near New Westminster, B.C.

The designs, accompanied by specifications, reports and estimates of cost, and superscribed, "Design, Public Hospital for the Insane," and addressed to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, will be received up to noon of Tuesday, the 30th June, 1908.

The designs, specifications, reports and estimates of cost shall have no distinguishing mark or motto, the author's name being enclosed in a blank sealed envelope securely attached to the design submitted.

The design shall be adjudicated upon by an Architect practising outside the Province, to be selected by the Government, after the 30th June, 1908.

The design placed first by the Adjudicator shall receive a premium of $700, and the one placed second, a premium of $500.

The Government is not bound to erect the building from any of the designs submitted.

If the design awarded first place is accepted, the premium referred to above shall be included in the professional fee paid to the architect.

Printed conditions governing the competition can be obtained by bona fide competitors upon application to the undersigned.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 7th May, 1908.
May 9

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

To T. J. Graham, registered and assessed owner of Lot 291, Mount Tolmie Park, Victoria District.

TAKE NOTICE that application has been made to Register William Flannery as the owner in fee simple of the above lot under a Tax Sale Deed from the Assessor of the District of Victoria, dated the 16th of January, 1903, and you are required to contest the claim of the said William Flannery within 30 days from the first publication hereof.

Dated at Land Registry Office, Victoria, British Columbia, this 12th day of May, 1908.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
May 16 Registrar General.

Within sixty days from date I intend to appiy to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 80 acres of land at Kitsals Canyon. The land is situated within lines commencing at a post about half a mile south of Chas. Durham's Southwest corner and marked: Erick Norlin, 80 acres, Purchase Claim, S. W. Corner, May 19th, 1908; thence north 20 chains, thence east 40 chains; thence south 20 chains; thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 80 acres,

May 19th, 1908.
June 13 ERICK NORLIN.

NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT

District of New Westminster.

TAKE NOTICE that Thomas Owen Townley, of Vancouver, barrister at law, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on the southwest shore of Defence Island, Howe Sound, thence in a northerly, easterly, southerly and westerly direction, following high water mark to the point of commencement, containing 30 acres, more or less, and being the whole of the Island known as Defence Island.

Dated 8th April, 1908.

THOMAS OWEN TOWNLEY.
May 9

LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies' Act, 1897."

Canada,
Province of British Columbia.

No. 433.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the "Michigan Commercial Insurance Company" is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia and to corry out or affect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan.

The amount of the capital of the Company is three hundred thousand dollars, divided into six thousand shares of fifty dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, and R. P. Rithet & Company, Insurance Agents, whose address is Victoria, B.C., is the attorney for the Company.

The time of the existence of the Company is thirty years from the 19th day of October, A.D., 1904.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 16th day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which the Company has been established and licensed are:

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May 2

LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies' Act, 1897."

Canada,
Province of British Columbia.

No. 434.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the "Inter-provincial Land Company" is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba.

The amount of the capital of the Company is sixty thousand dollars, divided into six hundred shares of one hundred dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at the City of Victoria, and James Fulford Fielde, agent, whose address is Victoria, aforesaid, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 21st day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which the Company has been established and licensed are:

(a) Acquiring, holding, leasing, renting, selling, dealing in, and disposing of, real estate or any interest therein, or any mortgage or lien thereon;

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(e) To acquire, own, sell, or otherwise dispose of, timber, timber limits, permits and licences, coal lands, or mining lands, or mining rights of any sort or description;

(f) To hold agencies for fire, or life insurance, or manufacturing companies;

(g) To carry on farming or gardening operations;

(h) To buy, sell, and deal in, cattle, horses, and other animals and farm produce, and generally to carry on a general real estate, loaning, renting, insurance agency and mercantile agency business;

(i) To acquire, purchase, sell, hold, and deal in, the stock-in-trade, effects, both real and personal, business, and good-will of any person, firm or corporation engaged in similar business;

(j) To acquire, buy, sell, and hold, stock in other companies with similar objects and powers.

BRADSHAW & DAVIE,
Solicitors for the Inter-provincial Land Company.

May 2

CLAYOQUOT LAND DISTRICT.
District of Alberni.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Mary I. Williams, of Victoria, B.C., spinster, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the south-west end of one of the group located on the chart as the one hundred islands, and extending around this island to point of commencement; supposed to contain 20 acres, more or less.

Dated April 3rd, 1908.

MARY ISABELLA WILLIAMS.
May 2

CLAYOQUOT LAND DISTRICT.
District of Alberni.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Elizabeth Margaret Wallis Williams, of Victoria, B.C., spinster, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the north-east side of Puzzle Island, extending around the island to point of commencement, and containing 85 acres, more or less.

Elizabeth Margaret Wallis Williams.
May 2

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the matter of our application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Subdivision Lots 46 and 47 of Lot 68, and part of Lot 73, Spring Ridge (Map 395) Victoria City.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof to issue a Duplicate Certificate of Title to said lands issued to William Ralph on the 30th day of June, 1892, and numbered 13495 A.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., this 13th day of May, 1908.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
May 23 Registrar-General.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date we intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, situated near Coal Creek, Renfrew District, B. C.: Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of section 88, and marked John Meston and W. H. Anderson; thence west 80 chains to northeast corner of section 87; thence north 80 chains; thence east to western boundary of the E. & N. Railway Company's Lands; thence following said boundary of Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company's Lands; thence following said boundary of Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company's lands to point of commencement.

Staked May 18th, 1908.

JOHN MESTON.
W. A. ANDERSON.
May 23

CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."

I hereby certify that "The Ferro-Concrete Construction Company" has this day been registered as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at Cincinnati in Hamilton County, Ohio.

The amount of the capital of the Company is five hundred thousand dollars, divided into five thousand shares of one hundred dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, and Henry Graham Lawson, Solicitor, whose address is Victoria, B.C., is the attorney for the company. Not empowered to issue and transfer stock.

Given under my hand and Seal of Office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this fourth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

S. Y. WOOTTON.
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which this company has been established and registered are: Manufacturing and dealing in fire-proofing and building material of all kinds, and constructing, equipping and owning buildings, bridges and structures of all kinds, and all things incident thereto, of engaging in a general contracting business; and of acquiring, holding, owning and disposing of all rights, patent and otherwise, necessary and convenient for the prosecution of its business.

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT.
Range 1, Coast District.

TAKE NOTICE that we, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on the east side of Loughborough Inlet about three-quarters of a mile south of McBride Bay and about ten chains north of old mill; thence east twenty chains; thence south twenty chains; thence west twenty chains more or less to the east short of Loughborough Inlet; thence northerly twenty chains more or less and following the east shore of Loughborough Inlet to the point of commencement.

Dated May 1st, 1908.

DAVIDSON, WARD CO., LIMITED,
May 9 G. S. Wilson, Agent.

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Regulations for the Docking of Mooring of All Vessels Arriving at British Columbia Ports From Plague-Infected Ports.

(Approved by Order of His Honour the Administrator-in-Council, dated 8th April, 1908).

1. All vessels arriving at British Columbia ports from ports infected or suspected of being infected with Bubonic Plague shall conform to the following regulations:—

(a) Vessels shall be moored or docked at a distance not less than six feet from wharf or land:

(b) Ropes or chains connecting a vessel with wharf or land shall be protected by funnels of size and shape satisfactory to Local and Provincial Boards of Health:

(c) All gangways shall be lifted when not in use. Gangways when in use shall be guarded against the exit of rats by a person specially detailed for this purpose:

(d) All vessels changing route to solely British Columbia ports shall give satisfactory evidence of disinfection and extermination of vermin to Provincial Board of Health.

2. Every owner, agent, or captain of any vessel, and every other person violating or instructing, authorising, ordering, permitting, or otherwise suffering any person to violate any of the foregoing regulations shall be liable, upon summary conviction before any two Justices of the Peace, for every such offence to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, with or without costs, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding six months, or to both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the convicting magistrates.

Dated at Victoria, 9th April, 1908.
(By Command).

HENRY ESSON YOUNG,
Provincial Secretary.

Charles J. Fagan, M.D.,
Secretary Provincial Board of Health.
May 9

PROVINCIAL GAOL AT VICTORIA.

Tenders endorsed "Gaol Supplies" for the supply of Groceries, Bread, Fish, Beef, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, for the said institution, from the 1st day of July next, to the 31st of March, 1909, will be received by the undersigned up to Monday, the 25th June. Samples of Groceries, Clothing, Boots, etc., can be seen at the Gaol, Topaz Avenue.

All supplies to be delivered at the Gaol as required without extra charge. All articles required for use in this contract to be of Provincial manufacture as far as practicable.

Forms of Tender will be supplied on application to the undersigned.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

J. M. MUTTER,
June 2, 1908. Warden.

Correspondence.

The Week accepts no responsibility for the views expressed by its correspondents.

The columns of The Week are open to everyone for the free expression of their opinion on all subjects which do not involve religious controversy.

Communications will be inserted whether signed by the real name of the writer or a nom de plume, but the w„iter's name and address must be given to the editor as an evidence of bona fides. In no case will it be divulged without consent.

Saanichton P. O.,
June 10, 1908.

Dear Lounger:—Have read with intent and profound attention your story in last issue of the "Young man who went to Mexico." I have read and re-read it all ways, but upon my soul I can't find out what it is you want the poor young fellow to do. Is it that he ought to seize a hoe with a shout of glee, butt in among his gang of dusky peons, and with loud cries of encouragement and the pregnant force of example stimulate their sluggish efforts among the tobacco plants?

I don't think.

Or is it that he should forsake the lotos-eating sushine and return to his pitiful and precarious existence combing the beach for flammable jetsam?

I guess not, either.

Now just what is the moral, dear Mr. Lounger? I've been in this delectable province likewise about six months, and from the start found that if I wanted work I'd have to go right after it with a club, but having been two years around the prairie country I didn't get alarmed any at that; all the green's wiped off me now almost; though I was considerable verdant when I did hit these shores. Why some!

Now, sir, I have worked on ranches since I've been here, partly because I can and partly because there is work to be had—worked alongside and with all the rattle-tongued, many breed heathen that do so much to add to the charm of your unrivalled landscape (I speak as a travelled man), and have been bossed in my work by boobies that I never would have expected to find walking around alive; and I want to tell you right now, sir, that if I saw any chance in the horizon approximating the job of that punch and bananna artist, well, I'd pack my roll and hike for it so quick I'd fire the atmosphere, and so, too, in like case, I venture to suggest you would do yourself. Give us Englishmen fair and candid criticism, as pungent as you like, but cut out that humbug racket. The second part of your article concerns a matter that needs to be noticed more than it is. Every mail brings me enquiries from the Old Country as to things right here, and in answer to some I have sent off half a dozen copies of your paper.

It is high time that people in England were informed most explicitly, who is and is not wanted in the Dominion. The immigration affairs have eben handled in such a promiscuous manned and by so many people, and with such conflicting results, that it is small wonder that people in England are getting, to put it mildly, a little puzzled. One man writes me: "Apparently the 'undesirable' in Canada is the man with no money—seems as if they want our cash but not us." A few practical working details placed before business men by business men would have far better results to British Columbia and Canada generally than all the high falutin' stuff unloaded on credulous people in Great Britain by "interested" parties; there is a great class, the fringe of which has only just been touched last spring, which only needs awakening to furnish all the resources of men and money that the Dominion has need of—the class that having few pretensions—trades at the best stores and pays cash every time. It is this class which is prone to send its sons abroad and from which have been recruited such men as have made the Argentine, and several other places not under the British flag. There is plenty of scope for intelligent effort among this class in the Old Country. From all signs Canada is full up with all the workingmen she can want for quite a while.

Well, I hope I don't make you tired—I've not written this purely for publicity, but I felt a kind of sympathy for that poor boy you slate so for scratching up driftwood, and throwing rocks at the coolies, that I just had to give my pen some exercise.

With best wishes for your health, sir, and that of your paper,

Yours truly,
TEMPORA MUTANTUR.

GO AND LISTEN TO SHAKESPEARE.

John Bright was the greatest English orator of his day, and was also one of the greatest orators that ever lived. Mr. Bright was not a classical scholar. His youth was not devoted to the writing of Latin hexameters or of Greek iambics. Under ordinary circumstances, therefore, it might be supposed that Bright entered public life severely handicapped when the fact is taken into consideration that he had to battle with oratorical giants like Gladstone, who had been schooled from early youth in the classics. But the best judges of oratory always stated that Bright easily outstripped all his competitors in the art of public speaking.

When asked how he obtained so profound a mastery over the English language, Mr. Bright was in the habit of saying that his lucid style was due to the fact that from his youth up he had never ceased studying the Holy Bible, the twelve books of "Paradise Lost" and the works of Shakespeare. In this literature Bright found all the inspiration for those glorious oratorical outbursts that have made his name famous from generation to generation.

It is admitted by all great writers that the Bible is one of the best and most simply written works that can be studied by those who are anxious to master the difficult art of expression. Totally aside from the inspirational point of view, the Bible will remain forever as the greatest of literary possessions. Those who have studied Milton fully realize the debt that this profound thinker owed to the Bible.

And now for Shakespeare. How many of us have alowed the years to roll by and at the same time have allowed our Shakespeare to grow dusty on the shelf? The strain and stress of modern life are so great that few of us have either the opportunity or the inclination to consult those great fountains of wisdom which are found in the works of Shakespeare.

When, therefore, the opportunity is presented to us to see and hear the plays of Shakespeare acted, the opportunity should be greedily grasped. Nothing acn be more beneficial either to the young or to the old than to listen for a few hours each night to the immortal lines of Shakespeare as they are read by Mr. Mantell and the members of his well-educated organization. Shakespeare has spelt "ruin" for so many managers that a debt of gratitude is owing to every manager, who, in spite of the warnings of the past, once more makes the hazardous attempt to give adequate presentations of the great Shakespearean dramas.

For a time all of us may have strayed away from the classics and have worshiped the false gods of Scandinavian lore; for a time we all may have a tendency to banish thought and to take pleasure in spectacular productions that make no appeal to the reason or to the poetic imagination; for a time we may all have committed grievous literary and dramatic sins. But in the end we are obliged to go back to the plays that have stood the test of centuries. We are compelled to listen to the philosophy that must be implanted on the golden tablets of the memories of those who seek the truth.

Mr. Mantell's organization is a most capable organization, and it is able to give an adequate interpretation of the various plays that are being presented this season. Young men and young women whose minds have not been inured to concentration, may find the Shakespearean productions somewhat dull after listening to the Broadway asininities which so often have taken the place of good dramatic productions. This is no reason why the young people should not be taught to listen to Shakespeare, and finally to grasp the meaning of his poetic philosophy. The appetite grows by what it feeds on. And so the only way to learn and to appreciate Shakespeare is continually to hear Shakespeare, and to read his works.

The thanks of the whole community are due to Mr. Mantell and his manager for the great educational good that they have accomplished by introducing us once more to those grand old dramatic works which time can never wither.

TAKE NOTICE that the British Columbia Canning Company, Limited, of London, England and Victoria, B.C., Salmon Canners and Sawmill Owners, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described foreshore and submerged land adjoining lot No. 3, Range, 2, Coast District.

Commencing at a post marked "B.C.C. Co., South Post," planted on Island, forming part of said Lot No. 3, three chains S. ¼ W. from the Church, situate on the Wannuck River, Rivers Inlet, B.C., thence due west one-quarter mile, thence due nort ı one-half mile to a post marked "B. C. C. Co., N.W. Post," on the north shore of Rivers Inlet, thence along the shore one-quarter mile due east, thence due south to island first mentioned.

25th April, 1908.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CANNING CO.,
May 2 D. McPhee, Agent.

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TAKE NOTICE that I, Harrie G. Ross, Free Miner's Certificate No. B22830, Agent for The Bentley Iron Mining Co., Ld., Free Miner's Certificate No. B22821, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

Dated this 10th day of June, A.D. 1908.

June 20 HARRIE G. ROSS.

Iron Master Mineral Group, consisting "Ironmaster," "Iron King," "Iron Prince," "Ironmaster's Son" and "Grip On Iron" Mineral Claims.

Situate in Port Renfrew District, Victoria Mining Division.

Where Located—Extending East and West from Bentley Creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Harrie G. Ross, for myself, Free Miner's Certificate No. B22830, and associate Trustees of the above Mineral Group, viz., John Bentley, Free Miner's Certificate No. B23050; John William Fisher, Free Miner's Certificate No. 23101; John Berryman, Free Miner's Certificate No. B23038; and Thomas J. Plimley, Free Miner's Certificate No. B23040, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 10th day of June, A.D. 1908.

June 20 HARRIE G. ROSS.

Certificate of the Registration of an Extra-Provincial Company.

"Companies Act, 1897."

I HEREBY CERTIFY that "The Timber Investment Company" has this day been registered as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at the City of Seattle, King County, State of Washington.

The amount of the capital of the Company is three hundred thousand dollars, divided into three thousand shares of one hundred dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, and Thomas Bamford, clerk, whose address is Victoria, B.C., is the attorney for the Company. Not empowered to issue and transfer stock.

The time of the existence of the Company is fifty years, from the 8th day of February, 1908.

The Company is limited.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 13th day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which this Company has been established and registered are:

To manufacture, buy, and sell timber and timber products; to buy, lease, or otherwise acquire and to hold real estate and timber in the State of Washington and elsewhere, and the same to sell, mortgage, lease and dispose of; to erect, operate, sell and dispose of water-works for the supply of water-power and water for domestic purposes, electric power plants; to buy, build, lease and otherwise acquire and operate, if necessary and desirable, tug-boats and freight and passenger steamers; to carry on the business of selling real estate on commission and doing a general real estate and timber brokerage business; to loan the money of the Corporation in connection with its other business if deemed advisable and to the best interests of the Corporation; to buy, sell and deal in all kinds of merchandise.

June 20

"Companies Act, 1897."

NOTICE is hereby given that Raymond Bellenger Punnett, of Victoria, B.C., broker, has been appointed new attorney of "The Timber Investment Company" in the place of Thomas Bamford.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 8th day of June, 1908.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

June 20.

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EDITORIAL

he Water uestion.

The water question still continues to be the absorbing topic of interest in Victoria. The continuance of ry weather accentuates the serious character of the problem. If the scriptural roverb be true that "in the multitude of ounsellors there is wisdom," then a happy olution cannot be far distant. Men in very station and of every qualification are aily expressing their opinions in the press nd giving vent to their indignation. The olonist and the Times are devoting olumns to the subject in each issue. For ack of space, and also because many words nake for confusion, The Week will conense its comments into the smallest posble space, premising them by relating the ollowing incident: A visitor from San rancisco called on the Editor on Tuesay morning for a friendly chat. His first uestion was, "What is new in Victoria?" n being told that the chief topic of inrest was the water supply, he laughed a ery unholy and altogether too sarcastic laugh, and remarked, 'You call that ew, do you? Why when I lived in Vicoria fifteen years ago, it was the one topic f conversation." It seems to The Week at this incident is in itself an explanaon of, and the key to the whole situation. rocrastination has kept Victoria without n adequate water supply for fifteen years, nd procrastination is still dominating the ity Council, while the City Fathers hesite as did all their predecessors to apply certain remedy. The Mayor says that e criticism offered is unreasonable, illocal, and based upon ignorance. He oints to the work of Mr. Adams, and says at the City is carrying out that gentlean's suggestions. He says further that nce no other source of supply could be ade available before next summer, the ity might just as well wait for the cometion of Smith's Hill reservoir, as launch it into some bigger scheme. This is the ly reason, he alleges, for turning a deaf r to all suggestions for purchasing, or asing the Goldstream water, or for itiating the Sooke Lake project. There e two weak links in the Mayor's chain reasoning. The first is that by the adission of Expert Adams, Elk Lake has capacity sufficient to supply a population forty-five thousand, and if the Smith's ill reservoir were completed today, and e whole of the water at Elk Lake made vailable for distribution, there would be ttle, if any surplus over actual requireents. There is every probability that in year from date the natural growth of ictoria, based upon the experience of the st two years, will have caught up to the aximum capacity of Elk Lake; certainly is will happen within two years, in hich event Victoria will not be appreably better off, even with the completion Smith's Hill reservoir and the proper stribution of Elk Lake water, than it is day. The second weak link in the ayor's argument is that the elevation of nith's Hill is not sufficient to give fire essure at any point in the city, and that is too low even to feed by gravity the ghest residential districts. By what pross of reasoning can such a system be rerded with any degree of finality? Even domestic service and gardens can be pplied for a year or two longer by its eans, fire will still have to be fought by mping engines without any practical astance from gravity. The question of the oment is what ought the City to do both the interests of health and safety? The eek maintains, as it has done for more an two years that the only practical and onomical solution is the acquisition of the Goldstream water. Year after year passes, other schemes are ventilated, surveys are made, the Highland District and Sooke Lake are examined, but the result is always the same, that unless Victoria wants to cut off its nose to spite its face, it must go to Goldstream. This is the only source from which pure water and plenty of water can be obtained. It is true that the same conditions might be complied with at Sooke Lake, but only at a much higher cost, and with a much longer pipe line to maintain. The fact that the Esquimalt Waterworks Company has never been willing to accept the price which the City thought reasonable is scarcely a serious factor if the City cannot do better elsewhere, and the proposal to spend a million or a million and a half dollars to go to Sooke, rather than give the Esquimalt Waterworks Company $250,000 more than the City thinks it ought to get, cannot be defended on business grounds, and the principle is not one upon which any man would act in connection with his own affairs. During the present year the Colonist has followed the lead of The Week and lined up in favour of the Goldstream proposition. This is a more charitable and more probable explanation of its present policy than that so ungraciously suggested by the Times. But the Colonist goes a step further and advocates that the City should exercise its rights and call upon the Esquimalt Waterworks Company to supply the statutory quantity of three million gallons per day at six cents a gallon. This would necessitate a five-years' contract, and it is surely not too much to suggest that a judicious and diplomatic negotiator might in connection with this agreement arrange for an option to purchase, to be exercised at any time during the five years. If, however, the latter could not be arranged immediately, the City would be no worse off in respect of a contract for ultimate purchase, and would within a year from date have double its present water supply. The Week cannot see a single reasonable objection to this scheme. The money spent under the five years' agreement would be spent in exactly the same way as if the City had already purchased the property, and would merge into the ultimate scheme of distribution. If the City has to wait for the thrashing out of further legal quibbles, or if the subject is, as the latest action of Mayor Hall would suggest, to be tossed into the political arena, then God help Victoria! If we are not all poisoned our gardens and lawns will be scorched up, and at the present rate our City will be burnt down. Is it too much to ask in this enlightened twentieth century that the City Fathers should bring a little more "horse sense," and a little less sensitiveness to bear upon the solution of what is viewed in every light a most serious problem, and one which threatens not only the good name, but the actual safety of the City.

Traducing Her Sex.

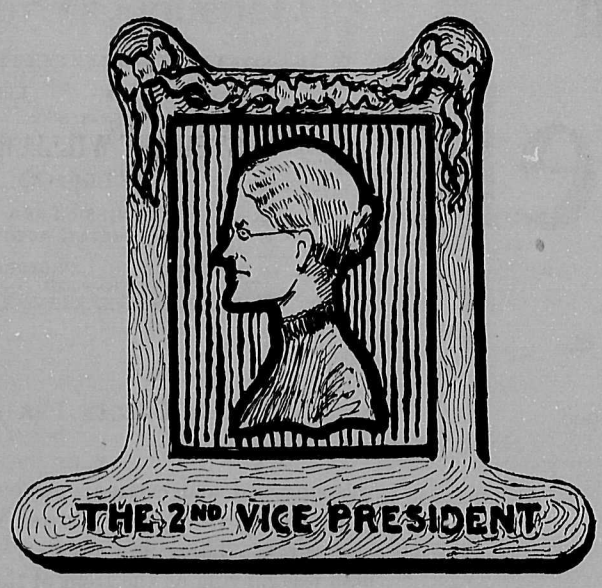
Women, or to be more precise, those women who are banded together for reform work, are wont to misunderstand and bitterly resent criticism of their methods. It is impossible to comment unfavourably upon any of their proceedings without arousing their ire, and the male creature who condemns even their extravagancies is voted a Philistine. It must in fairness be admitted that men reformers also make mistakes, and are guilty of utterances for which no defence can be offered. But it is neither discourteous nor unchivalrous to state that women are less reliable in their public utterances than men. It is not necessary to follow Miss Murcutt in all her ridiculous meanderings of the present week. She has slandered the men who are allied with every interest she has discussed, but why did she consider it necessary to slander her own sex? It is difficult to speak dispassionately of the horrible story which she had the hardihood to relate upon the authority of some unknown minister, and some unknown mayor. Miss Murcutt would probably be grievously offended if The Week suggested that she had been drawing upon her imagination for the whole incident. And yet this would be a more charitable conclusion than to accept her statement that she was merely repeating what she had been told. She does not pretend to have investigated the story, and yet she is willing to believe and to repeat, on the authority of two men, that a certain Canadian city contains fewer virtuous girls over fifteen than Sodom or Gomorrah. A woman capable of believing such a statement is either morally or mentally unfit to be identified with any reform movement, and as a choice of alternatives The Week sincerely hopes that the latter is the case. The Colonist is to be commended for summing up a most unusual amount of courage in condemning Miss Murcutt's attitude in this matter. But the Colonist did not go far enough. Public opinion demands that Miss Murcutt shall promptly give her authority for the story. If she fails to realize her moral responsibility to do so she must be content to be branded as a traducer of her sex and a slanderer of the commonest type; and the organization which allows her to continue to make use of it as a vehicle for circulating prurient stories will have to share the responsibility. The Week does not believe that there is a mother in Victoria who will not endorse this conclusion, and it knows that every parent, and every pure-minded girl, of whom there are many more than Miss Murcutt wots of, will repudiate her estimate of their sex with scorn. It is difficult to understand why evangelists and professional reformers of both sexes are so prone to bring discredit upon their organizations by retailing the lascivious, but it seems as if they helplessly gravitate in that direction.

Fighting Fire.

The Editor of The Week was down town at 6.45 on Friday morning. He heard the fire-bells, and saw the whole of the proceedings in connection with the blaze on Government Street. The opportunity for checking the work of the Department and making a few careful notes was too good to be lost, so it was taken advantage of. The result is given to the public and vouched for. The moral can be drawn by the reader. The hose wagon and one Waterous engine arrived on the scene at three minutes past seven. At this time flames were shooting out of all the back windows of the top story overlooking Langley Street, where the fire had evidently started. There was no flame on the Government Street side, but dense volumes of smoke. The windows were not broken. The first hose was connected to the hydrant at the foot of Trounce Alley, was unreeled and carried upstairs. The water flowed through it at seven minutes past seven. Three minutes later another hose was playing on the front of the building, but the pressure was insufficient to force the water higher than about twenty-five feet, which was ten or fifteen feet lower than the upper story where the fire was raging. At twelve minutes past seven the upper windows cracked and the flames burst out. By this time the whole upper story was a raging furnace, full of flame. It was not until eighteen minutes past seven that the large nozzle was exchanged for a smaller one, and the stream from the Waterous engine reached the upper story. Even then it was unable to play on the roof, although it did good work through the windows, and in fifteen minutes more practically quenched the fire. Meanwhile nothing effective had been done on the Langley Street side where the fire originated, and where it could most easily have been extinguished. There was no engine on this side of the building, and it was not until half past seven that the firemen had a hose carried up the scaling ladder to the roof of an adjoining building and tried to play through the upper windows of the burning block, but the gravity pressure was insufficient. The conclusions of an impartial observer were that the water supply was ludicrously insufficient, that the appliances were inadequate, and that the best firemen in the world could do very little with such an equipment. Until the City has a gravity supply with a pressure of a hundred and fifty pounds as a minimum it should have available sufficient engine power of the most modern type to cover buildings at least seventy feet high. As to the handling of the men and the appliances only an expert is competent to express an opinion in view of the woeful inadequacy of the latter.

The Federal Election.

Before the Provincial elections in Ontario and Quebec the political quid nunes had decided that a Federal election would take place early in the Fall, and the call to arms had actually gone forth. After the significant victory of the Conservative party in both provinces, the enthusiasm for elections received a serious check among the Liberal leaders, and now the prophets are guessing again. All that can safely be predicted is that the election may come this year, and failing that, it must come next. Throughout the Dominion there are comparatively few constituencies that have not chosen their standard bearers. Of these few Victoria is one. The Week is of opinion that the selection should have been made some time ago, and that the party is weakened by the delay. It still believes that the strongest candidate available is Mr. H. G. Barnard. Those who attended the annual meeting of the party last night and witnessed Mr. Barnard's enthusiastic re-election as President, found little encouragement for differing from the opinion of The Week, and if a candidate is to be chosen from among the more active and conspicuous members of the party, the choice will undoubtedly fall upon Mr. Barnard. The sooner any uncertainty on this matter is removed, the better for the party and for the prospects of the candidate.



An Interview With a Distinguished Visitor.

When we were little children
We did what nursie said
And when the hour was 6 p.m.
We had to go to bed,
And now, though we are older,
We find it's just the same:
We've got the same old nursie still—
She's merely changed her name.

When we were little children
We didn't dare to smoke
And nursie says we mustn't now—
And nursie doesn't joke.
For nursie hates tobacco;
Tobacco makes her mad.
Oh, no; we mustn't smoke at all,
Since nursie says it's bad.

When we were little children
We weren't allowed to bet
And nursie says we musn't now
Or ever "taste a wet,"
For beer is very sinful,
And whisky's even worse.
We should prefer to die of thirst—
According to our nurse.

When we were little children
We used to play at games,
But now we mustn't play at all,
Or nursie calls us names—
Unless we play at ping-pong
Or crokinole and such.

* * *

Oh, dear, our nursie interferes
A little bit too much.

On the news being received that the 2nd Vice-President of the W.C.T.U., North Kansas Branch, was in the city on business connected with the local convention, the interviewer hurried with all haste (and a little flutter in his heart) to the Empress Hotel, where the distinguished lady was residing in a suite of rooms, especially engaged.

He was ushered into a private sitting room, which had been tastefully decorated with festoons of white ribbon twined round tinted diagrams of enlarged miscroscopic section of the intestinal canal before and after alcoholic intoxication, the tout ensemble having a most charming effect. The 2nd Vice-President received the interviewer with a chilling stare. There could be no doubt at all as to the character of this reception. It was icy. It was 20 below zero (with a wind blowing), and the interviewer instinctively buttoned up his coat as he stood shivering under the scrutinizing glitter of a pair of spectacles.

"You have come to interview me, I understand," said the 2nd Vice-President in a voice that bore a strange resemblance to her spectacles—clear and hard.

"I hope I may have the honour," replied the interviewer with nervous politeness.

"Take that chair," said the lady in commanding tones. The interviewer took the chair promptly: disobedience in such an august presence could be nothing else, he felt, than a positive sin.

The lady carefully extracted a watch and placed it on a table beside her. "Is this interview to last longer than three minutes?" she asked.

"May I not have the pleasure of conversing with you for a slightly longer period?" enquired the interviewer humbly.

"In that case," said the 2nd Vice-President, "I must call my husband."

"But, madam," expostulated the interviewer, "I have not come to interview your husband."

"No matter," she retorted, "it would not be proper.

"Albert! I want you."

In obedience to the summons, a reverend gentleman instantly entered, approached the table with his hands clasped meekly, and awaited orders.

"You may take a chair, Albert."

The reverend gentleman slowly and cautiously stepped across the room to a chair in a far corner; there he slowly and cautiously sat down and kept a close watch on the stranger, with frequent side-long glances out of half shut eyes, beaming with love. "This young man," said his better half by way of introduction, "is a representative of the local press." She paused. "He has come to interview me."

"I hope," said the reverend gentleman in a beautiful sad voice, "that the paper he represents is a strictly temperance paper."

"You bet it is," exclaimed the interviewer, taken off his guard.

"Never," sighed the reverend gentleman, "I would never do anything so wicked! But I will excuse your language on the ground of enthusiasm. And so your editor believes in temperance?"

"My editor," said the interviewer, "even denies himself tea and coffee—on occasions."

"Ah, I am so pleased to hear it," broke in the 2nd Vice-President, a smile of approval lighting up her somewhat grim features, "I have always found that a little warm water with a dash of milk in it is quite sufficient, and so stimulating! But dear me, how few of us are really temperate."

"What strange ideas," remarked the interviewer,

"What strange ideas people have of temperance nowadays!"

"Most strange," the lady agreed, "people actually imagine that temperance means using the things of this world in a temperate manner!"

"And how would you define temperance, madam," questioned the interviewer.

The august lady rose to her feet. "In my official capacity of 2nd Vice-President I would define temperance as follows: Temperance is being temperate in the use of everything that the W.C.T.U. approves of, and totally abstaining from everything that the W.C.T.U. does not approve of."

"How true!" murmured the reverend gentleman, "And oh, how beautiful!" The lady resumed her seat.

"The propaganda of the W.C.T.U. is progressing, is it not?" continued the interviewer.

"By leaps and bounds. We are putting pressure on the people in every direction, I am happy to say," replied the 2nd Vice-President with an air of intense satisfaction. "But there is so much yet to be done, so many, many evils to reform," she added with a sigh.

"Indeed there are," said the interviewer sympathetically.

"For instance," continued the good lady, "there is the wearing of pig-tails by Chinamen."

"What!" exclaimed the interviewer.

"Yes, it is on that very question that I am paying my official visit to your city. We are arranging to send a deputation to the Premier and the Attorney-General to induce them to bring about legislation making the wearing of a pig-tail by any Chinaman a penal offence."

"On what grounds, may I ask?"

"The wearing of a pig-tail," explained the lady in a cold and level voice, "is the prerogative of a woman. any man wearing a pig-tail is therefore a female impersonator. This is of course most immoral."

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"Shocking!" exclaimed the reverend ntleman, casting his eyes heaven-rd, "my soul positively shudders ery time I pass a Chinaman with ch a feminine apendage."

"I was under the impression," said e interviewer, that you confined ur operations to the white inhabit-ts."

"Oh, dear me no," said the 2nd ice-President. "We take a motherly terest in the morals and conduct of l the inhabitants of the entire uni-rse, whatever their colour may be. or instance, we are having five ousand tracts printed in Chinook for stribution among the various In-an reservations along the Pacific oast dealing with the character and ndencies of the modern French rama: these we are sure will be very neficial. But of course we pay par-cular attention to our own children. o prove it I have only to mention e twenty-five thousand blotters hich we have just prepared for dis-ibution among the school children; ch blotter is stamped with a couple very pretty pictures of the inside of e human anatomy before and after earing corsets."

"Do you think," queried the inter-ewer, somewhat doubtfully, "that ese blotters will also have a bene-ial effect?"

"Most decidedly," said the 2nd Vice-resident, "for I showed a sample py the other day to a little neice of ne and she fainted on the spot. en as to the tons and tons of litera-re which we are using in our fight ainst the Demon Rum—ah, that re-nds me, how is it that your city is t yet under total prohibition?"

"Well, madam," replied the inter-ewer, "to tell you the truth we rdly dare risk it. It is really not r fault, but there is scarcely suf-ient water sometimes to make a cup tea. Under these circumstances we l it would be a very dangerous step take to cut ourselves off from every er form of liquid refreshment."

"No excuse," broke in the lady rnly. "What do you call that?" She nted to the James Bay with a ma-tic sweep of her arm.

"Really, madam, it is rather hard to . It is generally considered to be t water slightly adulterated, but it ells queer.'

"That," she said emphatically, "if perly diluted, with the addition of ittle aniline dye and some brown ar would make an excellent sub-ute for beer."

"And far, oh far more wholesome, dear young friend," said the rev-nd gentleman.

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"Never heard of it even," said the erviewer.

"You surprise me," said the 2nd V. "our staff of expert analytical emists has been working for the t two years concocting substitutes pernicious drinks. Albert, hand a recipe book. . . . Thank you! ey have succeeded in duplicating the favourite drinks of the saloon, ile carefully eliminating every-ng that might not be considered irely innocent. Here, for instance," e continued, as she opened the prec-s volume and began to turn over pages, "right at the very begin-g of the book you will find recipes temperance cocktails. Would you e to hear how to make a Manhtatan ktail a la W.C.T.U.?"

"Very much indeed," said the inter-wer.

"Here is the recipe then," replied lady. "Take a little lemon juice, spoonful of sugar and a little ger; stir the mixture up in a little id water and pour into a glass; half a teaspoonful of siedlitz wder to give it 'life' and serve up h a small onion on the end of a thpick. Now wouldn't that be de-ous on a hot day?"

"But before the interviewer could his opinion the 2nd Vice-Presi-t had jumped to her feet—all ught of the recipe book had van-ed.

"Young man," she cried, "I notice acco stains on your fingers. You oke cigarettes. Do not dare to y it."

"I have not any intention of doing " expostulated the interviewer. "hat about it?"

"Only this," she replied in tones of intense solemnity, "only this that smoking leads to a smoker's grave. To say nothing of the fact that it is most immoral."

"Really!" exclaimed the victim of the eagle eye, "I had no idea it was so serious."

"Ah, my dear young friend, let me persuade you to at once sign a pledge that you will never, never smoke tobacco any more. Albert, give our visitor a pledge card."

The reverend gentleman hastily picked up a card from a pile on the table and handed it to the interviewer.

"Now I am sure you are a sensible young man," purred the 2nd Vice-President in honied accents; "read this little card through carefully and then sign it."

"Madam," said the interviewer with a puzzled look, after he had read it through carefully, "I do not see how I can very well sign this."

"You don't see how you can sign it!" exclaimed the lady in a vexed tone.

"Precisely," said the subject of reformation. "I can't see how it applies to me at all. If I were to read it out to you, I think you would understand."

"Read it then," commanded the 2nd Vice-President; "read it at once."

"Very well, if you insist," said the interviewer resignedly. "This is what 's on the card: 'I hereby pledge myself to no longer wear a peek-a-boo waist and never——' "

"Oh, Albert!" screamed the 2nd Vice-President, "how could you be so careless! You have given him one of the peek-a-boo cards; get him a tobacco card instantly!"

"No, madam," declared the unfortunate interviewer, plucking up his courage, "I really must decline to sign any pledge until I am convinced."

"Why?" asked his torturer. Sign the pledge first and be convinced afterwards. You are sure to be convinced afterwards."

"I repeat, madam, I really must decline," said the interviewer with the firmness of a martyr.

"Well then," said the 2nd Vice-President crossly, "if you must be convinced I can at once convince you."

She took out a little tract from a le of papers. "This is one of our most able tracts on the subject. Let me read it to you."

"I have hardly time, madam," said the interviewer desperately.

"Well then in that case I must give you the gist of it briefly. This tract describes how a certain well known temperance doctor of Chicago took a poodle dog and squirted tobacco juice into its left eye. Now what do you think the poodle dog did?"

"I should think he swore."

"Don't be frivolous, young man," said the lady angrily. "The poor dog died."

"Well, I'm not surprised," said the interviewer, "but I fail to see the application.

"You don't!" exclaimed the lady.

"He doesn't see the application!" echoed the reverend gentleman.

"No," asserted the interviewer, "I do not for two reasons. Firstly, I am not a poodle dog and secondly I never use tobacco in that particular way."

"What particular way?" enquired the good lady.

"Squirting it into my left eye," explained the interviewer.

The 2nd Vice-President turned in despair to the reverend gentleman, who shook his head despondently.

"Well," she said, fixing her eyes on the interviewer, "this is fearful! If the relation of a blood-curdling fact like that does not convince you I don't know what will—unless you are open to an argument."

"I am willing to be convinced, if you can produce a convincing argument," said the culprit.

The 2nd Vice-President brightened up. "Ah, then I have hopes for you. Here is an argument that is one of our favourite old stand-bys. It is so intellectual and so convincing. Listen! If Nature intended you to smoke she would have provided you with a natural smoke-stack on the top of your head. She has not provided you with a natural smoke-stack on the top of your head, therefore she does not intend you to smoke. Ergo, it follows that every time you smoke you are wantonly flying in the face of Nature. To fly in the face of Nature is most immoral."

"Quod erat demonstrandum," added the reverend gentleman eagerly. "Now, my dear young friend, you have heard an argument that is absolutely incontrovertible."

"Do you not admit it?" cried the 2nd Vice-President with a ring of triumph in her voice.

"Madam, I admit it," said the interviewer, pushed to the very extremity of desperation. "Yes, madam, it certainly is an absolutely incontrovertible argument."

"Ah, good! Excellent," chuckled the 2nd Vice-President, "now you will sign the pledge card, won't you?"

"Just one minute, please," explained the interviewer, "I have not quite finished. "If your argument applies to one case it should apply to another with equal force. Do you not admit that also?"

"Ye-es," said the 2nd Vice-President cautiously.

"Why of course, most certainly," blustered the reverend gentleman, "of course!" . . .

"Then, sir," said the interviewer, turning to the reverend gentleman, "I notice that you are wearing a collar. On the ground of your own incontrovertible argument I accuse you of being guilty of a most immoral act."

"How so!" exclaimed the 2nd Vice-President.

"Madam," replied the interviewer, "if Nature had intended your husband to wear a collar, Nature would have supplied him with a collar-button in front and a collar-button behind. Nature has not done any such thing. Therefore to wear that collar is to wantonly fly in the face of Nature with all that it entails.—quod erat demonstrandum."

"Dear, oh dear!" cried the reverend gentleman in tones of the deepest dismay, "I never looked at it in that light before. I must make it a matter of prayer!" So saying he hurriedly got up and began divesting himself of the immoral garment. But at the sight of her husband undressing himself in the presence of a total stranger the 2nd Vice-President uttered a shriek. The awful sight was too much for her nerves, and with a gurgling sob she fainted—thus bringing the interview to a sad but opportune conclusion. W. H. S.

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Reminiscences.

The receipt of a press notice referring to the coming engagement of Mr. R. B. Mantell in Victoria has served to start a train of thought and to arouse many half-forgotten memories of theatre-going in the days of long ago.

My first reflection is that plays may come and plays may go, but Shakespeare goes on for ever. It is not a little interesting to recall the number of fashions that have been set by playwrights during the last 40 years, and to note how each has had his vogue and disappeared in the limbo of unremembered would-be dramatists.

When I first found my way to the theatre, Tom Taylor was the hero of the moment, and soon after Robertson, the father of Mrs. Kendal.

Amongst the most popular offerings of those days were "Caste," "School," "Society," "Ours," and "'Twixt Axe and Crown." Then we had a spell of of robust romantic drama with William Rignold in "Black-eyed Susan," and the "Girl I Left Behind Me." The first visit of the company from the Comedie Francais, including Sarah Bernhardt, Got, Coquelin, Delaunay and the incomparable Madame Croisette, created a taste for the French drama, and so we had Charles Warner in the memorable L'Assommoir.

Tiring of the too strenuous, Mr. and Mrs. Kendal and John Hare popularized first the serious drama, and then the highest class comedy, reaching the high-water mark of excellence in "Diplomacy," "The Iron Master" and "The Pair of Spectacles," the latter the finest comedy seen on the English stage for fifty years, in fact since Charles Matthews ceased playing "Adonis Evergreen."

The next vogue was that created by the brilliant character actor, Mr. Beerbohm Tree, who had a run at the Haymarket beginning, say, twenty-five years ago, when Miss Julia Neilson was a very young ingenue, and the whole company did brilliant work in such melodramas as "A Man's Shadow," and such exquisite pastoral plays as "The Village Priest."

Meanwhile Charles Wyndham had popularized society drama, and especially old English comedy by giving such representations of Charles Surface, Dr. Pangloss, David Garrick and many other classic roles as had not been seen for years.

But another star was rising, and it remained for a man of a younger generation to strike a note in the dramatic world which has been reverbating ever since, and which has enabled him to retain for more than twenty years an unchallenged position in the front rank of London actors. I refer to Mr. George Alexander, whose intensity, impressiveness and earnestness are as unique as they are characteristic.

In "The Idler," "Lady Windermere's Fan," "Liberty Hall," and "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," George Alexander has reached a height of dramatic expression unexceiled, and indeed unapproached by any of his competitors.

This sketchy reminiscence overlooks scores of prominent actors and actresses, to say nothing of some of the foremost playwrights of the time. But it is only intended to illustrate the fact, that in plays as in dress "the fashion of this world changeth," and in the widest sense "each man in his time plays many parts." But while one rises and another falls, the popularity of Shakespeare is constant.

Through all these years there runs a silver thread which binds together the dramatic instinct and perception of successive generations. Between all the different vogues to which I have referred, there has been not merely a connecting link, but a continuous cable. Shakespeare has never been off the boards. When he has not been running in the Metropolis, he has been touring in the Provinces or in the States, in Africa, in India, or the Antipodes.

Men have refreshed themselves at his perennial stream when they have been satiated with the dgenerate productions of those who had the hardihood to belittle the great master, and to force their vapid productions on the public. During the last forty years, Irving, Booth, Compton, Calvert, Robertson, Benson, Mansfield, and last, but by no means least, Mantell, have kept alive the best traditions of the Shakespearean stage. And this leaves me to finish where I began, with Mantell.

I have seen all the great Shakespearean actors just mentioned, and many more whom I do not at the moment recall. But with the single exception of the immortal Salvini the elder, in "Othello," and Barry Sullivan in "Richard the Third," I have never seen the equal of Mantell in certain Shakespearean roles. And now that Salvini is no more, he is incomparably the finest living Othello.

Some day I intend to tell in this column the story of Salvini, the great Italian, who could not speak a word of English, but who thrilled English audiences in the part of the dusky Moor as no actor has done since the days of G. V. Brooke and Charles Dillon.

Othello is rarely seen on the stage, and yet it is one of the finest of Shakespeare's acting plays. I thus differentiate it from those which are more suited for the study than the stage. Properly mounted, and with a good all-round company, a star actor makes it a veritable "tour de force," and since Shakespeare is so rarely played in Western cities, it is a treat of the highest order to see him interpreted by an actor of Mr. Mantell's calibre.

I recall the first time I ever saw him, it was just thirty-five years ago, in the Theatre Royal, Wolverhampton. Miss Wallis (now Mrs. John Lancaster) was starring in Shakespeare. She was a delightful actress, although never quite in the front rank, being petite, and dainty, but lacking force and a stage presence. On this particular night she was playing Rosalind in "As You Like It," and introduced to the public for the first time a new Orlando. He was tall, lanky, and perhaps a bit ungainly, but he was only a raw-boned lad who had not done growing. I well remember his romantic air, and how much like a mooning love-smitten youth he looked. I do not think I have ever seen a beter Orlando.

It is a long jump from 1872 to 1908, and during that time I have seen Mr. Mantell in nearly all the great Shakesperean roles. To-day he is a mature, finished actor, with a fine stage presence, and has become a master of elocution. With Richard Mansfield gone he has no rival, and after the lapse of so long a time I gladly lay this tribute at his feet.

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Next week's bill will include several big feature acts headed by the Elton-Polo-Aldo Four, sensational casting artists; the Fredericka Raymond trio in an operatic sketch entitled "The Knights of Old," which introduces Fredericka Raymond soprano, Paul Fisher tenor, and Enrice Ormont baritone, and includes the sextette from "Lucia" among other high-class selections; Selbini and Grovini, William and Jenetta, acrobats, jugglers, tumblers and acrobatic bicyclists, special notice being drawn to Mme. Grovini's remarkable heavy lifting; Leo Filier, the Russian boy violinist; Black and Miller, novelty acrobats; Effie Pearson, singing comedienne; Thos. J. Price, singing the illustrated song, "The Tale the Church Bells Tolled." New moving pictures entitled "Modern Sculptors" and "Uuncle Bill's Bull," and the overture, "Enchantment," by the orchestra.

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F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 16th June, 1908.
June 20

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porting Comment.

The defeat of the Victoria lacrosse m at the hands of the Vancouver b in the Terminal City last Saturr has left the local boys in anyng but pleasant frame of mind, and ging from the press reports, I nk they have a kick coming.

As a rule I do not side with a team objecting to the referee's decisions, t in this case I think the Victoria ys were justified in the stand they ok. This is the second time this r that the local players have reved the worst of the decisions in ncouver, and it is up to the management of the local club to bring e matter before the executive of the rosse association. The action of e Vancouver clubs in supporting ch action on the part of the referees not in harmony with the statents made at the annual meeting, en every delegate took occasion to er to the application of the Vicia club in the most friendly man, and promised the assistance of ir respective clubs. If the asance they promised is to be taken poor referees the sooner the local bs know it the better. There is olutely no reason why the Victoria should go to Vancouver and lose game by the decisions of the refe. The idea of having one of the al players off the field for 23 utes is something very seldom rd of, and judging from what I e seen of this player there is absoely no reason for it. There might be some blame on the part of management of the local club in eeing to these referees in their efts to reduce the expenses of the club. I quite agree with the attempt that is being made to keep the expenses down by having the local team get the worst of the deal every time they play. On several occasions I have noticed that referees are accepted who are not on the official list, which was agreed on at the annual meteing of the association. This should not be allowed, as it leaves the way open for an infringement of the constitutions which will sooner or later cause trouble. I hope the local management will take this matter up and deal with it in a rigid manner.

This afternoon will witness what should be the hardest baseball match of the season. The locals will endeavor to wrest the victory from the Nationals of Seattle at Oak Bay, and it is hoped that there will be a big turnout. The line-up of the Nationals will be practically the same as that which represented the Seattle High School team, which journeyed across the Continent and made a record which has never been equalled. The team is the strongest on the Sound, outside of the league teams, and if the locals should win it will be a big feather in their caps. The game will start at 3 o'clock sharp, with Surplice doing the pitching for the locals and Robertson the receiving.

The defeat of the Victoria cricket team at the hands of the Garrison came as a big surprise to the admirers of the local players, but it will be a lesson to them not to hold any team too lightly. Nine times our of ten Victoria would defeat the same team which lowered their colors on Saturday, but I must give the Garrison credit for the result of the match. Three causes contributed to the defeat—the absence of Martin,, the fine bowling of Askey, and the mistake of not changing the Victoria bowlers earlier, and not playing Silcock, whose fast balls are sorely needed in any close match.

Although I referred at some length to the races in my remarks last Saturday, I cannot allow the opportunity to pass without referring to the too meagre support that was given the promoters. With the exception of Saturday the attendance was a big blot on the reputation that this city enjoys of being one of the best sporting centres on the Coast, and in fact I have almost arrived at the conclusion that it is time that this city should refrain from travelling on its record. The attendance was not worthy of a city half the size of Victoria, and that Victorians who are ardent admirers of good races should fail to attend the meeting is almost beyond my comprehension. The races were good, the management did all in their power to satisfy the public, no charge of crookedness could possibly be laid, the times made in the races were fast, and yet the public would not attend. As yet I have not ascertained the financial ending of the undertaking, but judging from the attendance, I cannot figure how it could have been very successful. I hope that the next time anything of this kind is arranged the public will give it the support that it deserves, otherwise this city will soon have a bad name with the horsemen, which will mean that it will be wiped from the map as far as horse racing is concerned.

A boxing contest, which should prove very interesting, is being arranged, and will take place within the enxt few weeks. I refer to the contest between Linton, who has lately made this city his home, and Joe Grimm, the hero of 238 fights. This should be a good go, and I would like to see a large crowd witness the mill. UMPIRE.

JOSEPH HOWE ON LIQUOR.

The world has come down to the present period from the most remote antiquity, with the wine cup in its hand. David, the man after God's own heart, drank wine. Solomon, the wisest of monarchs and of human beings, drank wine. Our Saviour not only drank it, but commanded Christians to drink it "in remembrance of Him." In strong contrast with our Divine Redeemer's life and practice we hear of the Scribes and Pharisees, who drank it not—who reviled our Saviour as a "wine bibber" and the "companion of publicans and sinners," who would have voted for the Maine liquor law as unanimously as they cried "Crucify Him." So far as my reading extends, I may assert that every king, every statesman, every warrior, who illustrated the page of history, drank wine. The apostles, who were the companions of our Saviour, drank it. The prophets whose flights of inspiration still astonish us, we have every reason to believe, drank it. Cicero and Demosthenes, and all the orators of antiquity and of modern times, indulged in the juice of the grape. Who can say how much of the energy which gave them such power of language was drawn from its inspiration? Have these men been eclipsed by the Dows and Kellogs of the platform? What orators has the State of Maine sent forth comparable with the Pitts, Burkes, Grattans, Foxes and Sheridans of the British Islands, every one of whom drank wine? Let the learned gentlemen glance at the noble structures—the architectural wonders that embellish Europe. Who reared them? Men of gigantic intellects, whose common heritage was wine. Let his eye range through the noble galleries where the sculptors have left their statues; where the painters have hung in rich profusion the noblest works of art. Wine, we are told, clouds the faculties and deadens the imagination. et it was drunk by those benefactors of their race; and we cannot with their masterpieces before us, believe the assertion till their works have been eclipsed by artists trained up under this rigorous prohibition legislation. Has Maine turned out as yet a statue that anybody would look at; a picture that anybody would buy? Look at the deliverers of mankind; the heroic defenders of nations. Was Washington a member of the temperance society? Did not Wallace "drink the red wine through the helmet barred"? Who will undertake to say that Bruce, on the morning on which he won the battle of Bannockburn, that Tell on that day when he shot the apple off his son's head, that Nelson or Wellington on the eve of their glorious victories, had not tasted a glass of whiskey or a stoop of wine? If then all that is valuable in the past of heroism and architecture, and oratory, sculpture and painting, if all that has bulwarked freedom and embellished life, has come down to us with the juice of the grape, if no age or nation has been long without it, I think it behooves the advocates of "total abstinence" to show us some country where their system has been tried, some race of men who drank nothing but cold water.

Mrs. Newwed—I wish we had something antique about the house.

Mr. Newwed—So do I. Old-fashioned pumpkin-pies, for instance.—Exchange.

Social and Personal.

Miss Wake leaves on a ten months' trip to the Old Country on the 20th.

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Mrs. J. W. Laing entertained at a small croquet party on Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lamb returned on Tuesday to Duncans.

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Mrs. Ramsay, of Seattle, has been a guest at the Empress for a few days.

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Miss Ethel Gibson is staying with friends on the Cowichan river.

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Hon. D. M. Eberts spent a few days in Vancouver this week.

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Mr. and the Misses Blakemore have moved into their new home, "Wulfruna," Belcher street.

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Miss Barbara Mainguy, of Chemainus, spent a few days in town this week.

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Mrs. Gardulo and son came over on Tuesday from Seattle to attend Miss Dorothy Green's wedding.

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Mrs. George Powell was the guest of Mrs. Carew-Gibson during the week.

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Captain Gibson, of Chemainus, after a short stay in town, returned home on Tuesday.

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Mr. Dougald Gillespie is enjoying some excellent fishing at Cowichan Lake.

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Mr. Arthur Gore paid a flying visit to Duncans on Wednesday, returning on Thursday morning.

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The marriage of Miss Marie Gaudin takes place in the second week of July.

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Mrs. Herman Robertson went up to Duncans on Wednesday to take part in Mr. Armstrong's concert.

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Mrs. E. V. Bodwell, Rockland avenue, has issued invitations for an At Home next Tuesday.

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Mrs. McCallum, after spending the winter in Southern California, has returned home.

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Miss Barbara Blakemore has returned from a three months' visit to Nelson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Trotter Johnson, of Chemainus, who were so unfortunate as to loose their pretty home by fire, came down to the city on Tuesday.

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The Auxiliary Anti-Tuberculosis Society will hold a meeting on Wednesday, June 24th, at the Balmoral Rooms. Members are requested to attend.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Green, Vancouver, came down to be present at the marriage of Miss Dorothy Green on Wednesday.

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Mr. Mowat, who has been confined to the Jubilee Hospital for the past few weeks, is out again, and is the guest of Mrs. McTavish.

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On Wednesday the 17th, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman, Croft street, was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding, when their fourth daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, was united in marriage to Mr. Robert J. Herbert, eldest son of Mrs. R. Herbert, Quebec street, Rev. F. Letts performing the ceremony.

The bride and groom left for the Sound by the Princess, and after a brief return visit will reside in Vancouver, where Mr. Herbert is connected with the Railway Mail Service.

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The Five Hundred Club met on Tuesday at Mrs. Blackwood's, Linden avenue, and spent a very enjoyable afternoon. The prize was won by Mrs. Gibb. The house was very daintily decorated with roses of different shades, received by the cool green of fern frons.

Mrs. Coles, assisted by Mrs. Kerr, presided over the refreshment table. Miss Wark and the Misses Richardson also helped in looking after the guests.

The competitors were: Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. H. Tye, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Wasson, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. C. Roberts, Mrs. Rithet, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. J. Harvey, Mrs. Arbuthnot, Mrs. G. Courtney, Mrs. Love, Mrs. C. Todd, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Raymour, Mrs. Matson, Mrs. Wasson, Miss Griffith and others.

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The marriage of Miss Dorothy Green and Mr. C. Norman Barclay was solemnized at the Reformed Episcopal Church on Wednesday, June 17th, by the Rev. Bishop Cridge, in the presence of a few friends and relations. The bride leaning on her brother's arm, looked very lovely in a soft clinging white, semi-Princess gown, over the palest shade of pink, with large hat bound with pale pink panne, and trimmed with valenciennes and a aigrette.

Her bouquet was of white bridal roses, prettily tied with white tulle.

The bridesmaid, Miss Phyllys Green looked very well in a pale blue flowered organdy relieved by a pink girdle, and a cream baby hat, with a pink wreath and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

The bride's little niece, Miss Joyceline Gibson, and Mr. Antonio Gardulo of Seattle, were also in attendance.

After the ceremony a few friends and relatives proceeded to the residence of Mrs. Carew-Gibson, where a dainty breakfast was served, the decorations were marguerites and roses.

The happy couple left by the afternoon boat for Seattle en route to Southern California. The bride's going away costume was of Copenhagen blue Rajah silk with a smart hat to match.

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The residence of Mrs. H. Heisterman, Cook street, was the scene of a most delightful tea on Wednesday last. The house was prettily arranged with sweet peas and roses. Among the guests were:

Mrs. Heisterman, Miss Heisterman, Mrs. Crotty, Mrs. Love, Mrs. H. Tye, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Roberts, Misses Hickey, Mrs. Rismuller, Mrs. Berkeley, Mrs. King, Miss King, Mrs. Matson, Mrs. Coles, Mrs. T. R. Smith, Miss Gaudin, Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. S. Robertson, Mrs. B. Wilson, Mrs. Lugrin, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Schwengers, Mrs. Jay, Mrs. Cross, Mrs. C. Todd, Mrs. Blackwood, Miss Blackwood, Messrs. Moreley, Miss Moreley, Mrs. Cleland, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Ker, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. B. Heisterman, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. Arbuthnot, Mrs. H. Gillespie, Miss Wiggley, Mrs. J. Raymour, Mrs. Page, Misses Page, Mrs. McPhillips, Miss Sehl, Miss Newcombefi Mrs. Garache, Mrs. Rant, Mrs. Wootton, Mrs. H. Kent, Mrs. McTavish, Miss McTavish, Miss Munn, Mrs. Lawson, Miss Lawson, Miss Wood, Mrs. McClure, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Phipps, Mrs. Gibson and others.

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Mrs. Baynes-Reed gave a very charming reception on Tuesday afternoon for her daughter, Miss Alice Reed, who is to be married on the 24th of this month. The Bishop's Close was kindly lent for the occassion by Archdeacon and Mrs. Scriven. Mrs. Spicer-Simpson assisted her mother during the afternoon in receiving her guests. Among the invited guests were Mrs. Stevenson, the Misses Mason, Mrs. Baiss, Mrs. Berkeley, Archdeacon and Mrs. Scriven, Mr. and Mrs. Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Ambery, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, Miss Booth, Mrs. and Miss Browne, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bullen, Miss Bullen, Mr. and Mrs. Bulwer, Miss Bulwer, Canon and Mrs. Beanlands, Mrs. and Miss Bell, Mrs. and Miss Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Bagshaw, Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. Crowe-Baker, Mrs. and Miss Clapham, Mr. and Mrs. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Cleland, Mr. and Mrs. Crotty, Mrs. Love, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Coombe, Mrs. Charles, Major and Mrs. Dupont, Mr. and Mrs. Denison, Mr. and Mrs. R. Day, Miss Day, Hon. and Mrs. and the Misses Eberts, Mr. and Mrs. Flummerfelt, Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, Dr. and Mrs. Lagan, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Miss Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Gresley, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries, Capt. and Mrs. Gaudin, and the Misses Gaudin, Col. and Mrs. Holmes, Dr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Laing, Mr. and Mrs. Luxton, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, Misses Pooley, Mr. Loenberg, Capt. and Mrs. Troupe, Mrs. Berkeley, Admiral and Mrs. Fleet, Mr. and Mrs. Rithet, Mr. and Mrs. Genge, Mr. and Mrs. Shallcross, Miss Lawson, Mrs. J. Raymur, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Miss Newcombe, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robertson, Dr. and Mrs. Herman Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wilson, Mrs. King, Miss King, Mrs. Pemberton, Miss Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. Wootton, Misses Pitts, Mrs. Mackay, Miss Mackay, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Galletly, Mr. and Mrs. Mohun, Miss Newton, Dr. and Mrs. Helmcken and many others.

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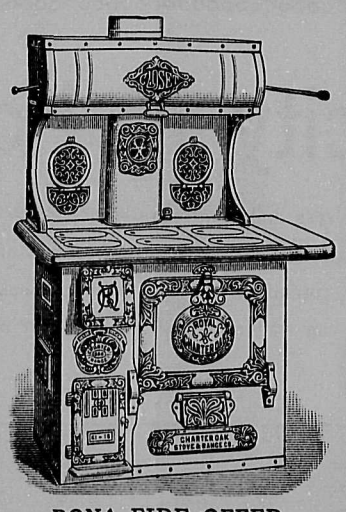
Willie—I didn't know, only I thought he was, 'cause when the teacher hoped for warm weather yesterady his children all grinned.—Chicago News.



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It's bad enough when twins are
For men to have to carry them
But, Oh, how thankful man should be,
He does not have to marry them

At The Street Corner

By THE LOUNGER

hings are beginning to move a lit- faster in Victoria. Only a week the city was threatened with ex- tion under a cloud of dust. On sday the Editor of the Colonist ted largely from an English ex- nge on the merits of "Tarvia," on Thursday Alderman Gleason ted for Europe to investigate its its, and presumably to introduce to Victoria. If the worthy Alder- n could be induced to abandon the k planks of his platform and con- trate his energy on the dust prob- he might yet become enshrined he grateful memories of Victor- .

n Wednesday evening I lounged the Victoria Theatre, stimulated some curiosity as to the person- and capability of the lady who announced to lecture under the pices of the W. C. T. U. result of an evening's cogitation to confirm a few of my old- ioned prejudices, one of which always been that an absolute cure "suffragitis" is a happy marriage. n in the midst of a discussion of most serious social problems, Murcott, with a candour which her infinite credit, admitted that respect to men with all their s, she loved them still. She ad- further that she "wanted a man upport her," and somewhat adroit- langled the attractive bait of a fruit orchard which she had hased in the Okanagan. If Miss cott does not change her name week, it will be a reproach to the ble bachelors and widowers of oria. What more could any man e than an accomplished lady with ission an an apple orchard? Did y "apple"? I am not sure that Murcott did, perhaps I have d it in connection with gardens re. Who said "apple"?

want to congratulate all parties erned on the decent clean-up has been made of the Quadra t cemetery. As I was one of the est kickers, I think I ought to credit for a result which is highly fying. Little remains to be done, although there may be differences pinion as to the arrangements, yone must agree that the re- ch of a neglected, unsightly, l's acre" has been removed. st on this subject I should like to , in common with many others, steps, if any, have been taken medy the constant encroachment e sea upon Ross Bay cemetery. e cessation of this work is due e absence of Alderman Meston the Council, the sooner he gets the better, unless some other man can be deputed to take ge of his work. It is certain that c opinion will not again tolerate wholesale destruction of graves ook place last winter. We may the Chinamen enough to make villing to shoot, poison or hang , and yet lack the hardihood to indignities to their dead.

ere is in the City of Victoria a ferocious coon, he sports cheap dry and drives a motor car. Un- he mends his ways, it will not be en of him "his end was peace." day last week I saw him driving iew street on the way to the race . He was going at the rate of ess than thirty to thirty-five an hour. One day this week he down Government street, and approaching the postoffice at the of from twelve to fifteen miles our. Half a dozen tourists were ing in the roadway. Instead of ng up and circling round them lled, but did not abate his speed, they jumped just clear of the ine. I have received numerous laints about this coloured gen- n, and I particularly direct the tion of the police authorities to solent behaviour, and the dan- o the public from the reckless er in which he invariably drives.

Whilst speaking of automobiles, I want to say a word on the subject of speed. I have ridden in auto cars in many parts of the world,, and while I have never been able to afford the luxury of one for myself, I have got it "on the list," and mean to have one some day. From this my readers will gather that I think an auto car is a good thing "per se." My sympathies lie entirely with the owners of cars who are made to suffer for the vagaries of a few men whose early training has been defective. The motto of every automobilist should be "noblesse oblige." Until that becomes the key-note of driving, there will be complaints and bad blood between the pedestrian who has to perform acrobatic feats to save his skin, and the chaffeur who trades upon his ability to run away from every "melee." The remedy is to punish unmercifully everyone who breaks the law. This should be done without fear or favour, and after the first offence the penalty should go the limit. In cases of persons being injured through reckless driving or excessive speed, the punishment should be imprisonment without the option of a fine. The way would then be open to agitate for such amendments to the law as could be granted without imperilling the public safety. But it is useless to press for these, and at the same time to defend or extenuate breaches of the existing law. The first condition of amendment is compliance. Verb sap.

About the time that these lines first meet the public eye, I expect to read the announcement of a discovery recently made on Vancouver Island, which has been kept very quiet, but in spite of every precaution has leaked out within the last few days; I refer to a new gold find. Having seen some of the reports, I should be surprised at nothing in the way of values, if as alleged, the specimen represents the bulk. I know that this would be something new in specimens, but as the veracity of the agent is unquestionable, I think the public may fairly expect something sensational. As far as I know this is the first considerable reef of high-grade quartz which has been found on Vancouver Island.

The water question and the dust question are still with us, and judging from appearances are likely to be for many years. There is, however, another problem which ought not to be so difficult to solve, and to which it is surely permissible to direct attention. I refer to the neglected condition of the front gardens and lawns of some of our leading citizens. I could say a great deal on the subject of gardens as an evidence of character, but probably there will be no difference of opinion as to the obligations resting upon prominent citizens to set a good example in the proper cultivation and beautification of their grounds. When these gentlemen hold official positions the obligation is surely increased. I do not refer to the deterioration of gardens, which is an inevitable consequence of the present lack of water, but to the habitual neglect which characterizes some of the most conspicuous grounds in the city. I do not wish to particularize, but I recall three or four properties belonging to gentlemen of social position, and some wealth, which would be discreditable to a workingman in receipt of three dollars a day. The occupancy of a good home carries with it the responsibility to keep the surroundings such as will do credit both to the home and to the city. In the case of public men the obligation goes further, and I feel sure it is only necessary to call the attention of these gentlemen to the fact that the habitual neglect of their grounds is an eyesore, and a matter of general comment to ensure the remedying of a state of affairs which is little less than a nuisance.

The daily papers of Victoria are to be congratulated, they have made a discovery, and the fact that it has taken them four years to make it only shows how far they are behind the times. On Monday night about half-past six, some subscriber anxious to pay his dues, entered the outer office of The Week, and carelessly threw an unextinguished match into the waste-paper basket — result much smoke, a hurry call to the fire station, and the prompt extinguishing of a few smouldering papers. Immediately over the waste-paper box were two loose-leaved calendars—they are still there unmarked. On Tuesday the Colonist came out with a lurid paragraph telling how "the dense smoke filled the building, and the ffames mounted to the ceiling." The daily press is a great institution, but for the fire, neither the Colonist nor the Times would have known that there was such a paper as The Week, that after all, the old proverb is once again justified, "it is an ill wind that blows nobody good."

Lounger.

THE attention of the Lands and Works Department having been directed to the fact that town lots in a townsite named Prince Rupert, being a subdivision of Lot 642, Range 5, Coast District, situated on the mainland between the mouth of the Skeena River and Kaien Island, are being offered for sale, it has been deemed necessary to warn the public that the said townsite is not situated at the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and is not the townsite which is owned jointly by the Government of British Columbia and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

F. J. FULTON,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., May 1st, 1908.
May 9

PUBLIC HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

Notice to Architects.—Competitive Designs.

The Government of British Columbia invite the Architects of British Columbia to submit competitive designs of a Public Hospital for the Insane, which it is proposed to erect at Coquitlam, situated near New Westminster, B.C.

The designs, accompanied by specifications, reports and estimates of cost, and superscribed, "Design, Public Hospital for the Insane," and addressed to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, will be received up to noon of Tuesday, the 30th June, 1908.

The designs, specifications, reports and estimates of cost shall have no distinguishing mark or motto, the author's name being enclosed in a blank sealed envelope securely attached to the design submitted.

The design shall be adjudicated upon by an Architect practising outside the Province, to be selected by the Government, after the 30th June, 1908.

The design placed first by the Adjudicator shall receive a premium of $700, and the one placed second, a premium of $500.

The Government is not bound to erect the building from any of the designs submitted.

If the design awarded first place is accepted, the premium referred to above shall be included in the professional fee paid to the architect.

Printed conditions governing the competition can be obtained by bona fide competitors upon application to the undersigned.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 7th May, 1908.
May 9

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

To T. J. Graham, registered and assessed owner of Lot 291, Mount Tolmie Park, Victoria District.

TAKE NOTICE that application has been made to Register William Flannery as the owner in fee simple of the above lot under a Tax Sale Deed from the Assessor of the District of Victoria, dated the 16th of January, 1903, and you are required to contest the claim of the said William Flannery within 30 days from the first publication hereof.

Dated at Land Registry Office, Victoria, British Columbia, this 12th day of May, 1908.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
May 16 Registrar General.

Within sixty days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 80 acres of land at Kitsals Canyon. The land is situated within lines commencing at a post about half a mile south of Chas. Durham's Southwest corner and marked: Erick Norlin, 80 acres, Purchase Claim, S. W. Corner, May 19th, 1908; thence north 20 chains, thence east 40 chains; thence south 20 chains; thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 80 acres,

May 19th, 1908.
June 13 ERICK NORLIN.

NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT

District of New Westminster.

TAKE NOTICE that Thomas Owen Townley, of Vancouver, barrister at law, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on the southwest shore of Defence Island, Howe Sound, thence in a northerly, easterly, southerly and westerly direction, following high water mark to the point of commencement, containing 30 acres, more or less, and being the whole of the Island known as Defence Island.

Dated 8th April, 1908.

THOMAS OWEN TOWNLEY.
May 9

LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies' Act, 1897."

Canada,
Province of British Columbia.

No. 433.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the "Michigan Commercial Insurance Company" is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia and to corry out or affect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan.

The amount of the capital of the Company is three hundred thousand dollars, divided into six thousand shares of fifty dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, and R. P. Rithet & Company, Insurance Agents, whose address is Victoria, B.C., is the attorney for the Company.

The time of the existence of the Company is thirty years from the 19th day of October, A.D., 1904.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 16th day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which the Company has been established and licensed are:

To make insurance on dwelling houses, stores, and all kinds of buildings and upon household furniture, goods, wares and merchandise, and any other property against loss or damage by fire, and to make insurance upon vessels, freights, goods, wares, merchandise, and other property against the risk of inland navigation and transportation.

May 2

LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies' Act, 1897."

Canada,
Province of British Columbia.

No. 434.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the "Inter-provincial Land Company" is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba.

The amount of the capital of the Company is sixty thousand dollars, divided into six hundred shares of one hundred dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at the City of Victoria, and James Fulford Fielde, agent, whose address is Victoria, aforesaid, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 21st day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which the Company has been established and licensed are:

(a) Acquiring, holding, leasing, renting, selling, dealing in, and disposing of, real estate or any interest therein. or any mortgage or lien thereon;

(b) To improve real estate by erecting buildings thereon, or in any other way altering or dealing with the same;

(c) To lend money on the security of any real or personal property, and for such purposes to take mortgages, bills of sale, and other pledges or liens thereon;

(d) To enter into agreements for the erection or improvement or sale of land or buildings;

(e) To acquire, own, sell, or otherwise dispose of, timber, timber limits, permits and licences, coal lands, or mining lands, or mining rights of any sort or description;

(f) To hold agencies for fire, or life insurance, or manufacturing companies;

(g) To carry on farming or gardening operations;

(h) To buy, sell, and deal in, cattle, horses, and other animals and farm produce, and generally to carry on a general real estate, loaning, renting, insurance agency and mercantile agency business;

(i) To acquire, purchase, sell, hold, and deal in, the stock-in-trade, effects, both real and personal, business, and good-will of any person, firm or corporation engaged in similar business;

(j) To acquire, buy, sell, and hold, stock in other companies with similar objects and powers.

BRADSHAW & DAVIE,
Solicitors for the Inter-provincial Land Company.

May 2

CLAYOQUOT LAND DISTRICT.

District of Alberni.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Mary I. Williams, of Victoria, B.C., spinster, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the south-west end of one of the group located on the chart as the one hundred islands, and extending around this island to point of commencement; supposed to contain 20 acres, more or less.

Dated April 3rd, 1908.

MARY ISABELLA WILLIAMS.
May 2

CLAYOQUOT LAND DISTRICT.

District of Alberni.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Elizabeth Margaret Wallis Williams, of Victoria, B.C., spinster, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the north-east side of Puzzle Island, extending around the island to point of commencement, and containing 85 acres, more or less.

Elizabeth Margaret Wallis Williams.
May 2

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the matter of our application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Subdivision Lots 46 and 47 of Lot 68, and part of Lot 73, Spring Ridge (Map 395) Victoria City.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof to issue a Duplicate Certificate of Title to said lands issued to William Ralph on the 30th day of June, 1892, and numbered 13495 A.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., this 13th day of May, 1908.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
May 23 Registrar-General.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date we intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, situated near Coal Creek, Renfrew District, B. C.: Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of section 88, and marked John Meston and W. H. Anderson; thence west 80 chains to northeast corner of section 87; thence north 80 chains; thence east to western boundary of the E. & N. Railway Company's Lands; thence following said boundary of Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company's Lands; thence following said boundary of Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company's lands to point of commencement.

Staked May 18th, 1908.

JOHN MESTON.
W. A. ANDERSON.
May 23

CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."

I hereby certify that "The Ferro-Concrete Construction Company" has this day been registered as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at Cincinnati in Hamilton County, Ohio.

The amount of the capital of the Company is five hundred thousand dollars, divided into five thousand shares of one hundred dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, and Henry Graham Lawson, Solicitor, whose address is Victoria, B.C., is the attorney for the company. Not empowered to issue and transfer stock.

Given under my hand and Seal of Office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this fourth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

S. Y. WOOTTON.
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which this company has been established and registered are: Manufacturing and dealing in fire-proofing and building material of all kinds, and constructing, equipping and owning buildings, bridges and structures of all kinds, and all things incident thereto, of engaging in a general contracting business; and of acquiring, holding, owning and disposing of all rights, patent and otherwise, necessary and convenient for the prosecution of its business.

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT.

Range 1, Coast District.

TAKE NOTICE that we, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on the east side of Loughborough Inlet about three-quarters of a mile south of McBride Bay and about ten chains north of old mill; thence east twenty chains; thence south twenty chains; thence west twenty chains more or less to the east short of Loughborough Inlet; thence northerly twenty chains more or less and following the east shore of Loughborough Inlet to the point of commencement.

Dated May 1st, 1908.

DAVIDSON, WARD CO., LIMITED,
May 9 G. S. Wilson, Agent.

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Regulations for the Docking of Mooring of All Vessels Arriving at British Columbia Ports From Plague-Infected Ports.

(Approved by Order of His Honour the Administrator-in-Council, dated 8th April, 1908).

1. All vessels arriving at British Columbia ports from ports infected or suspected of being infected with Bubonic Plague shall conform to the following regulations:—

(a) Vessels shall be moored or docked at a distance not less than six feet from wharf or land:

(b) Ropes or chains connecting a vessel with wharf or land shall be protected by funnels of size and shape satisfactory to Local and Provincial Boards of Health:

(c) All gangways shall be lifted when not in use. Gangways when in use shall be guarded against the exit of rats by a person specially detailed for this purpose:

(d) All vessels changing route to solely British Columbia ports shall give satisfactory evidence of disinfection and extermination of vermin to Provincial Board of Health.

2. Every owner, agent, or captain of any vessel, and every other person violating or instructing, authorising, ordering, permitting, or otherwise suffering any person to violate any of the foregoing regulations shall be liable, upon summary conviction before any two Justices of the Peace, for every such offence to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, with or without costs, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding six months, or to both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the convicting magistrates.

Dated at Victoria, 9th April, 1908.
(By Command).

HENRY ESSON YOUNG,
Provincial Secretary.

Charles J. Fagan, M.D.,
Secretary Provincial Board of Health.
May 9

PROVINCIAL GAOL AT VICTORIA.

Tenders endorsed "Gaol Supplies" for the supply of Groceries, Bread, Fish, Beef, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, for the said institution, from the 1st day of July next, to the 31st of March, 1909, will be received by the undersigned up to Monday, the 25th June. Samples of Groceries, Clothing, Boots, etc., can be seen at the Gaol, Topaz Avenue.

All supplies to be delivered at the Gaol as required without extra charge. All articles required for use in this contract to be of Provincial manufacture as far as practicable.

Forms of Tender will be supplied on application to the undersigned.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

J. M. MUTTER,
June 2, 1908. Warden.

Correspondence.

The Week accepts no responsibility for the views expressed by its correspondents.

The columns of The Week are open to everyone for the free expression of their opinion on all subjects which do not involve religious controversy.

Communications will be inserted whether signed by the real name of the writer or a nom de plume, but the writer's name and address must be given to the editor as an evidence of bona fides. In no case will it be divulged without consent.

Saanichton P. O.,
June 10, 1908.

Dear Lounger:—Have read with intent and profound attention your story in last issue of the "Young man who went to Mexico." I have read and re-read it all ways, but upon my soul I can't find out what it is you want the poor young fellow to do. Is it that he ought to seize a hoe with a shout of glee, butt in among his gang of dusky peons, and with loud cries of encouragement and the pregnant force of example stimulate their sluggish efforts among the tobacco plants?

I don't think.

Or is it that he should forsake the lotos-eating sushine and return to his pitiful and precarious existence combing the beach for flammable jetsam?

I guess not, either.

Now just what is the moral, dear Mr. Lounger? I've been in this delectable province likewise about six months, and from the start found that if I wanted work I'd have to go right after it with a club, but having been two years around the prairie country I didn't get alarmed any at that; all the green's wiped off me now almost; though I was considerable verdant when I did hit these shores. Why some!

Now, sir, I have worked on ranches since I've been here, partly because I can and partly because there is work to be had—worked alongside and with all the rattle-tongued, many breed heathen that do so much to add to the charm of your unrivalled landscape (I speak as a travelled man), and have been bossed in my work by boobies that I never would have expected to find walking around alive; and I want to tell you right now, sir, that if I saw any chance in the horizon approximating the job of that punch and bananna artist, well, I'd pack my roll and hike for it so quick I'd fire the atmosphere, and so, too, in like case, I venture to suggest you would do yourself. Give us Englishmen fair and candid criticism, as pungent as you like, but cut out that humbug racket. The second part of your article concerns a matter that needs to be noticed more than it is. Every mail brings me enquiries from the Old Country as to things right here, and in answer to some I have sent off half a dozen copies of your paper.

It is high time that people in England were informed most explicitly, who is and is not wanted in the Dominion. The immigration affairs have eben handled in such a promiscuous manned and by so many people, and with such conflicting results, that it is small wonder that people in England are getting, to put it mildly, a little puzzled. One man writes me: "Apparently the 'undesirable' in Canada is the man with no money—seems as if they want our cash but not us." A few practical working details placed before business men by business men would have far better results to British Columbia and Canada generally than all the high falutin' stuff unloaded on credulous people in Great Britain by "interested" parties; there is a great class, the fringe of which has only just been touched last spring, which only needs awakening to furnish all the resources of men and money that the Dominion has need of—the class that having few pretensions—trades at the best stores and pays cash every time. It is this class which is prone to send its sons abroad and from which have been recruited such men as have made the Argentine, and several other places not under the British flag. There is plenty of scope for intelligent effort among this class in the Old Country. From all signs Canada is full up with all the workingmen she can want for quite a while.

Well, I hope I don't make you tired—I've not written this purely for publicity, but I felt a kind of sympathy for that poor boy you slate so for scratching up driftwood, and throwing rocks at the coolies, that I just had to give my pen some exercise.

With best wishes for your health, sir, and that of your paper,

Yours truly,
TEMPORA MUTANTUR.

GO AND LISTEN TO SHAKESPEARE.

John Bright was the greatest English orator of his day, and was also one of the greatest orators that ever lived. Mr. Bright was not a classical scholar. His youth was not devoted to the writing of Latin hexameters or of Greek iambics. Under ordinary circumstances, therefore, it might be supposed that Bright entered public life severely handicapped when the fact is taken into consideration that he had to battle with oratorical giants like Gladstone, who had been schooled from early youth in the classics. But the best judges of oratory always stated that Bright easily outstripped all his competitors in the art of public speaking.

When asked how he obtained so profound a mastery over the English language, Mr. Bright was in the habit of saying that his lucid style was due to the fact that from his youth up he had never ceased studying the Holy Bible, the twelve books of "Paradise Lost" and the works of Shakespeare. In this literature Bright found all the inspiration for those glorious oratorical outbursts that have made his name famous from generation to generation.

It is admitted by all great writers that the Bible is one of the best and most simply written works that can be studied by those who are anxious to master the difficult art of expression. Totally aside from the inspirational point of view, the Bible will remain forever as the greatest of literary possessions. Those who have studied Milton fully realize the debt that this profound thinker owed to the Bible.

And now for Shakespeare. How many of us have alowed the years to roll by and at the same time have allowed our Shakespeare to grow dusty on the shelf? The strain and stress of modern life are so great that few of us have either the opportunity or the inclination to consult those great fountains of wisdom which are found in the works of Shakespeare.

When, therefore, the opportunity is presented to us to see and hear the plays of Shakespeare acted, the opportunity should be greedily grasped. Nothing acn be more beneficial either to the young or to the old than to listen for a few hours each night to the immortal lines of Shakespeare as they are read by Mr. Mantell and the members of his well-educated organization. Shakespeare has spelt "ruin" for so many managers that a debt of gratitude is owing to every manager, who, in spite of the warnings of the past, once more makes the hazardous attempt to give adequate presentations of the great Shakespearean dramas.

For a time all of us may have strayed away from the classics and have worshiped the false gods of Scandinavian lore; for a time we all may have a tendency to banish thought and to take pleasure in spectacular productions that make no appeal to the reason or to the poetic imagination; for a time we may all have committed grievous literary and dramatic sins. But in the end we are obliged to go back to the plays that have stood the test of centuries. We are compelled to listen to the philosophy that must be implanted on the golden tablets of the memories of those who seek the truth.

Mr. Mantell's organization is a most capable organization, and it is able to give an adequate interpretation of the various plays that are being presented this season. Young men and young women whose minds have not been inured to concentration, may find the Shakespearean productions somewhat dull after listening to the Broadway asininities which so often have taken the place of good dramatic productions. This is no reason why the young people should not be taught to listen to Shakespeare, and finally to grasp the meaning of his poetic philosophy. The appetite grows by what it feeds on. And so the only way to learn and to appreciate Shakespeare is continually to hear Shakespeare, and to read his works.

The thanks of the whole community are due to Mr. Mantell and his manager for the great educational good that they have accomplished by introducing us once more to those grand old dramatic works which time can never wither.

TAKE NOTICE that the British Columbia Canning Canning Company, Limited, of London, England and Victoria, B.C., Salmon Canners and Sawmill Owners, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described foreshore and submerged land adjoining lot No. 3, Range, 2, Coast District.

Commencing at a post marked "B.C.C. Co., South Post," planted on Island, forming part of said Lot No. 3, three chains S. ¼ W. from the Church, situate on the Wannuck River, Rivers Inlet, B.C., thence due west one-quarter mile, thence due north one-half mile to a post marked "B. C. C. Co., N.W. Post," on the north shore of Rivers Inlet, thence along the shore one-quarter mile due east, thence due south to island first mentioned.

25th April, 1908.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CANNING CO.,
May 2 D. McPhee, Agent.

WANTED

WANTED—Young men for Firemen and Brakemen, instruct you at home by mail. For free information send stamp to National Railway Training School, Inc., 376 Robert St. (Room 57), St. Paul, Minn., U.S.A.

"Elijah" and "Benjamin" Mineral Claims

Situate in Port Renfrew District, Victoria Mining Division.

Where located—Immediately east of Bugaboo Creek and Seven Miles from San Juan Harbour.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Harrie G. Ross, Free Miner's Certificate No. B22830, Agent for The Bentley Iron Mining Co., Ld., Free Miner's Certificate No. B22821, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

Dated this 10th day of June, A.D. 1908.

June 20 HARRIE G. ROSS.

Iron Master Mineral Group, consisting "Ironmaster," "Iron King," "Iron Prince," "Ironmaster's Son" and "Grip On Iron" Mineral Claims.

Situate in Port Renfrew District, Victoria Mining Division.

Where Located—Extending East and West from Bentley Creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Harrie G. Ross, for myself, Free Miner's Certificate No. B22830, and associate Trustees of the above Mineral Group, viz., John Bentley, Free Miner's Certificate No. B23050; John William Fisher, Free Miner's Certificate No. 23101; John Berryman, Free Miner's Certificate No. B23038; and Thomas J. Plimley, Free Miner's Certificate No. B23040, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 10th day of June, A.D. 1908.

June 20 HARRIE G. ROSS.

Certificate of the Registration of an Extra-Provincial Company.

"Companies Act, 1897."

I HEREBY CERTIFY that "The Timber Investment Company" has this day been registered as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at the City of Seattle, King County, State of Washington.

The amount of the capital of the Company is three hundred thousand dollars, divided into three thousand shares of one hundred dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, and Thomas Bamford, clerk, whose address is Victoria, B.C., is the attorney for the Company. Not empowered to issue and transfer stock.

The time of the existence of the Company is fifty years, from the 8th day of February, 1908.

The Company is limited.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 13th day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which this Company has been established and registered are:

To manufacture, buy, and sell timber and timber products; to buy, lease, or otherwise acquire and to hold real estate and timber in the State of Washington and elsewhere, and the same to sell, mortgage, lease and dispose of; to erect, operate, sell and dispose of water-works for the supply of water-power and water for domestic purposes, electric power plants; to buy, build, lease and otherwise acquire and operate, if necessary and desirable, tug-boats and freight and passenger steamers; to carry on the business of selling real estate on commission and doing a general real estate and timber brokerage business; to loan the money of the Corporation in connection with its other business if deemed advisable and to the best interests of the Corporation; to buy, sell and deal in all kinds of merchandise.

June 20

"Companies Act, 1897."

NOTICE is hereby given that Raymond Bellenger Punnett, of Victoria, B.C., broker, has been appointed new attorney of "The Timber Investment Company" in the place of Thomas Bamford.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 8th day of June, 1908.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

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